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Finance: State Government & Agency Review Sub.

State Employment Relations Board Chair Craig Zimpher told the panel that the proposed biennial budget allows SERB and the State Personnel Board of Review to effectively continue their operations.

The consolidation of administrative funds for SERB and SPBR has allowed for the realization of economies of scale and increased productivity, Mr. Zimpher explained in testimony.

The two boards oversee the employer/employee relationship in Ohio's public sector in separate capacities, he said.

"During the last six years, we have implemented a process designed to reduce the friction costs of adjudication," Mr. Zimpher said in a statement.

In the majority of cases, SERB requires the parties to start the mediation process before beginning the formal and costly hearing process. In more than half of such referrals, reconciliation is reached without the formal process, he said.

The biennial budget recommends funding of approximately \$4.0 million in both FY 2018 and FY 2019 to cover the operating expenses of SERB and SPBR, a slight increase from the estimate for FY 2017. (Red Book)

The budget proposal provides adequate support for SERB to continue to mediate and adjudicate caseloads, and to continue educational and training programs, Mr. Zimpher told the panel.

Rep. Jim Butler (R-Oakwood) inquired about the 11.6% increase for FY 2017 compared to the actual spending total in FY 2016.

Director Christine Dietsch said SERB is anticipating the costs of a 2.5% wage increase for state employees, higher employee health insurance costs, and an increase in OIT expenses, among others. She said SERB will provide more information to the Chairman.

Mr. Zimpher told Rep. Butler that SERB board members are on salary of approximately \$97,000 and do receive benefits because they are restricted to have other employments. This is in contrast to SPBR where board members receive a lower salary but are reimbursed for parking and travel expenses.

In a follow up, Rep. Butler asked hypothetically how SERB would respond to being funded at 5-10% less than requested. Mr. Zimpher replied that they would certainly need to reduce staff and thus operate less efficiently.

Chairman Rep. Keith Faber (R-Celina) asked if there is an argument against merging the boards for SERB and SPBR since the administrative costs have already been consolidated.

Ross McGregor, former House member and now SPBR board member' joined Mr. Zimpher in addressing the committee.

Mr. McGregor told Chairman Faber that the boards are distinct in their functions and areas of law, with SPBR's focus area being on the individual level.

While understanding the desire to find efficiency, he said it is his opinion that consolidating the tasks of the two entities would be difficult to manage efficiently and effectively.

Mr. Zimpher told Rep. Steven Arndt (R-Port Clinton) that he did not anticipate the board's caseload to increase if health care changes went into effect because so few cases originate from this process.

**Board of Tax Appeals:** The subcommittee's review continued with the testimony of Kathleen Crowley, executive director of the Board of Tax Appeals.

The total proposed budget is \$1,850,307.00 in FY2018 and \$1,886,042.00 in FY2019. This request is a decrease from our 2016-2017 biennium. (Red Book)

The proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 will allow the BTA to continue to operate fulfill its mission, Ms. Crowley explained.

If funded below the requested amounts, the BTA will need to reduce its staff which will likely result in multi-year backlogs like they have had in the past, customer delays, and an "unnecessary tie-up of taxpayer dollars," she said.

In response to Rep. Butler's question about the funding increase from 2015-2017, Ms. Crowley replied that during that time the BTA hired addition staff to eliminate the backlog. Additionally, the BTA created an online filing system requiring a subscription fee and began paying rent for their facility.

Ms. Crowley told Rep. Butler that the BTA has accounted for a negotiated increase in healthcare benefits for last biennium and used a multiplier of 10% to account for annual increases in wages and health care expenses.

**Joint Committee on Agency Review:** Director Larry Wolpert addressed the committee on the panel's goals and accomplishments within the past biennium.

In the past five years JCARR has redesigned its website, has incorporated the use of iPads for meetings, spearheaded adding Ohio's public universities' rules to the Administrative Code, and created JCARR Twitter and Facebook accounts among others, Mr. Wolpert said in his testimony.

In 2017 it is JCARR's goal to implement a rewritten Electronic Rule Filing system, to have completed a new "easy read" Rule Summary and Fascial Analysis, and to upgrade the JCARR and RuleWatch websites.

"These enhancements will make it easier for agencies to submit rules to JCARR and therefore reduce time and costs," he said in a statement.

JCARR has requested no change in its operating budget, which totals \$512,253 a year over the next biennium. (Red Book)

Mr. Wolpert told the panel that the proposed budget will allow JCARR to meet its current statutory responsibilities, goal and objectives.

**Joint Legislative Ethics Committee:** Executive Director Tony Bledsoe testified on his group's budget.

JLEC is not a law enforcement agency. Rather, it is a bipartisan advisory office focused on the prevention of ethics violations working with many law enforcement agencies, Mr. Bledsoe said in his testimony.

Mr. Bledsoe drew special attention to JLEC's request to the House for an amendment repurposing the JLEC Investigative Fund to become the JLEC Investigative Financial Disclosure Fund.

This change would eliminate the problematic step in which the Controlling Board's approval is required to appropriate funds for confidential investigations, he said.

There are no fiscal changes to the budget request submitted by JLEC for the next biennium, totaling \$700,000 for each fiscal year. (Red Book)

Mr. Bledsoe said the budget will be sufficient to continue to provide the current level of services.

**Public Testimony:** Mayor Paula Hicks of the City of Toledo urged the subcommittee to heed municipalities' concerns about the Governor's proposal for centralized collection of the municipal business income tax. (See [Gongwer Ohio Report, February 7, 2017](#))

Toledo like many other municipalities is supported by revenue collected from municipal business taxes for services such as police and fire, roads maintenance, safe drinking water, garbage collection, and snow removal among others, Mayor Hicks said in her testimony.

Mayor Hicks shared the following concerns on behalf of the City of Toledo:

--The proposal will charge cities 1% to collect Business Income Taxes resulting in an additional 1% cost to Toledo.

--The State will have to hire additional personnel to collect income taxes, where Toledo already has a very efficient method of auditing taxpayers.

--In repealing the "throwback rule" municipalities like Toledo will lose revenue from income generated by businesses in other locations.

--The proposed changes will make it more difficult for the taxpayer and is not business friendly, she said.

Mayor Hicks told Chairman Faber that the Ohio Municipal League and Mayors coalition hold the same position.


George Sarantou, Director of Finance for the city, told the panel that the City of Toledo stands to lose \$60,000-70,000 annually if the throwback rule is eliminated.

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## Senate Activity for Tuesday, February 28, 2017

### COMMITTEE HEARINGS

#### Insurance & Financial Institutions

**SB LOAN ACT** (Terhar, L.) To create the Ohio Consumer Installment Loan Act. (**REPORTED**; 3rd Hearing-**24** Opponent & interested party-Possible vote)

The committee voted to report the bill, with Sen. Sandra Williams (D-Cleveland) opposed.

Kalitha Williams, policy liaison for asset building at Policy Matters Ohio, said she had concerns with the bill and asked for amendments to protect consumers against problems associated with payday lending.

"Many payday loan companies are starting to offer installment loans," she said. "The loans are designed to appear less harmful, but are still exploitative to financially vulnerable families."

These installment loans sometimes have high interest rates and fees, making it difficult for the loan to be repaid without reborrowing, she said.

Ms. Williams pointed to differences between the legislation and the Ohio Mortgage Loan Act that she said would increase costs and remove consumer protections. The OMLA includes provisions of the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act that the proposed legislation does not.

The proposed bill would raise the maximum credit investigation fee from \$10 to \$25, she said.

Sen. Lou Terhar (R-Cincinnati), the bill's sponsor, said the federal debt collection policies would not apply to lenders under the proposed Consumer Installment Loan Act because that law only applies to third-party debt collectors. The CILA license created under SB24 would only apply to the lenders themselves.

"The federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act specifically exempts those who collect their own debt," Sen. Terhar said.

The bill narrowly defines what lenders would be included, Sen. Terhar said. Adding new provisions to deal with entities that aren't affected by the CILA would complicate the legislation and defeat the purpose of setting installment lenders aside from other kinds of lenders, he said.

**SB BANKING LAW** (Coley, B., Oelslager, S.) For the purpose of enacting a new banking law for the State of **29** Ohio. (**CONTINUED** (No testimony); 3rd Hearing-Opponent & interested party-Possible vote)

Chair Sen. Jay Hottinger (R-Newark) said he expects the bill will be voted on at the committee's next meeting.

#### Local Government, Public Safety & Veterans Affairs

**SB POLICE CHIEF TRAINING** (Hite, C.) To require the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission to develop **37** and conduct a chief of police training course for newly appointed village, city, and township chiefs of police. **37** (**CONTINUED**; 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Ada Police Chief Michael Harnishfeger, a past president of the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police, touted the measure, saying that it's backed by more than 86% of the state's police chiefs.

He said requiring police chiefs to attend 40 hours of training within six months of their appointments is "critically important" as most communities don't provide such an opportunity.

"I'll never forget my first day as chief of police; I walked into the office with no supervisor education or any idea of the laws governing the chief's job," Mr. Harnishfeger said. "There on the desk was a badge that said 'Chief of Police' and the keys to the city. From that moment on, I was in charge of a 20-officer department and any important or critical decisions to be made regarding the safety and security of our community ultimately came to me, including, even life-and-death decisions."

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and a number of Ohio police chiefs worked for about 18 months, he said, on a core curriculum that would include: diversity training with an emphasis on historical perspectives and community-police relations; fundamentals of local governments; ethics; sexual harassment issues; implicit bias; procedural justice; records retention and public records; situational leadership; budgeting; recruitment, and more.

Attorney General Mike DeWine supported the bill through written testimony. He said that his office would like the sponsors to consider expanding the definition of newly-appointed chiefs of policy, but overall, the bill "is a great first step in helping to ensure that future police chiefs receive the best possible training to prepare them to be both a steward of the public trust and a leader of peace officers."

**SBPROTECTION ORDERS** (Bacon, K., Manning, G.) To provide that service of a protection order or consent agreement upon a person is not necessary for the person to be convicted of the offense of violating a protection order if the person had actual notice of the order or agreement and the person recklessly violated its terms. (**CONTINUED** (See separate story); 2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**SCRPETE ROSE** (Thomas, C., Burke, D.) To urge the Commissioner of Major League Baseball to remove Peter Edward 'Pete' Rose from Major League Baseball's permanently ineligible list as soon as possible, and to urge the Baseball Writers' Association of America and the National Baseball Hall of Fame to include Rose on the Hall of Fame ballot. (**CONTINUED**; 1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Pete Rose, a Cincinnati native, is Major League Baseball's all-time leader in hits, at bats, games played, and he is the only player to play more than 500 games at five different positions, sponsoring Sen. Cecil Thomas (D-Cincinnati) said.

As the Cincinnati Reds' former manager and a seventeen-time all-star, Mr. Rose is "unquestionably a great American athlete," he said.

However, MLB has determined that Mr. Rose is ineligible to be enshrined in the Hall of Fame as a result of his ban from baseball in 1989 for betting on games.

"It is time that Peter Edward Rose is welcomed back into baseball," Sen. Thomas said. "'Charlie Hustle' is more than deserving of induction into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York."

**Governor's Appointments:** The committee recommended full Senate confirmation of the governor's appointments of: Deanna Harris to the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services; Thomas Tallman and Dudley Wright, II to the State Board of Emergency Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services; and Matthew Noble to the State Fire Council.

Transportation, Commerce & Workforce

**HBTRANSPORTATION BUDGET** (McColley, R.) To make appropriations for programs related to transportation and public safety for the biennium beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2019, and to

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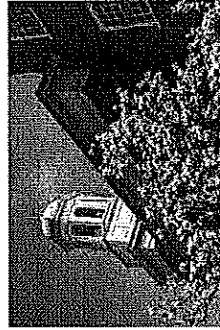
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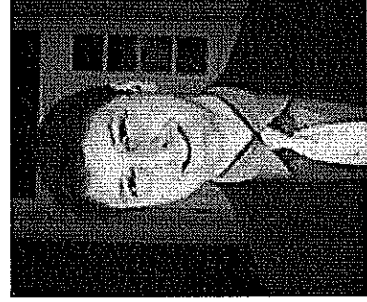
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## Welcome from the Chair

Dear Alumni and Friends:

The old saying used to be April showers bring May flowers. Here in Oxford, Old Man Winter's reluctant grip seems to be finally giving way to spring. And just like the seasonal transformation of our beautiful campus, the Department of Political Science is also undergoing a lot of change.

We'll graduate a very strong class of seniors—and as this group of future leaders transitions to make their mark on the world, we're hopeful for the next generation of Miami students coming in. We continue to see strong interest in political science from





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the early numbers of admitted Miami students—we hope these trends in student interest continue to rise in our favor. We've got so many things to be thankful for, but the good has also been tempered with tragedy.

- One of our majors, **Jack Findley**, passed away in March. Jack was from Terrace Park, Ohio and had a deep passion for both politics and history. We will miss Jack, and all of us are saddened by this terrible loss.
- Our retired Emeriti Faculty, **Karen Dawisha**, passed away in April. Karen and her husband, **Adeed Dawisha**, joined Miami in 2000 and recently had retired in 2016. Karen was a wonderful colleague, scholar, and teacher. Our thoughts and prayers are with Adeed, their two children, **Emile** and **Nadia** (both Miami graduates), and grandson **Theo**.

We have so many exciting things going on in the department to share with you:

- We've got a lot of new faces in the faculty. **Dr. Abigail Matthews** joined the faculty this fall on a tenure track. She joins **Dr. Rachel Blum** (second year), **Dr. Youn Ki** (third year), and **Dr. Erica Edwards** (fourth year). We'll also have three new tenure-track faculty this coming Fall with **Dr. Anne Wainscott**, **Dr. Hannah Chapman**, and **Dr. Kevin Reuning**.
- The number of students in the department continues to grow. Last fall, we brought in a very large class of Political Science, Public Administration, and Diplomacy & Global Politics majors to campus. Right now we have about 894 majors and more than 130 minors in the department.
- We have another group of about 20 incredibly high ability students joining us as Law & Public Policy Scholars. These are mostly political science students, with interests in law, government, and public affairs.
- We're partnering with other departments to start a Public Health major—our piece of the major is with Health Policy and Administration—one of four possible tracks.

- In January 2018, we had a second successful year of MU2DC—our Winter Term program that takes students to Washington, DC, and immerses our students into the Miami community in DC—including a day of shadowing with alums. Professor **Chris Kelley** led our students on the experience, highlighted by a visit inside the Supreme Court to hear oral

arguments for *Husted v. A. Philip Randolph Institute*—thanks to **Sue Henry** (MU 73—POL) for getting our students access to such an amazing once-in-a-lifetime experience. We're so thankful for our dedicated alumni in Washington, DC and our Alumni Board that makes all of these opportunities possible.

- Our POL majors represent some of Miami's rising leaders. **Megan Cremeans** was newly appointed to the Miami University Board of Trustees by Ohio Governor John Kasich. She joins another one of our majors on the Board, **Hallie Jankura**, who is replacing a third major, **Alexandra Boster**.
- Miami's Mock Trial team, including some POL majors and Law & Public Policy scholars, [defeated Yale in the finals to clinch the national championship](#).

It has been a whirlwind first year as Chair, but every day I'm with our students and reminded about what a special place Miami truly is. We're so thankful for our alumni—your dedication, help, and support that makes a world of difference to our students so that someday they can be the difference makers.

Thank you for giving your time and support to Miami University, the Department of Political Science, and everything you do for our students.

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## Spring Lectures

### Janus Forum

Each semester, the signature lecture event in the Department of Political Science is the Janus Forum. This spring's forum did not disappoint, as Janus

welcomed **Jonathan Swan**, **Kelly Ayotte**, and **Ezra Klein** to

campus for an event titled, "Is the Party Over? American Politics in the Age of Trump."

The speakers brought a wealth of experience and knowledge about American politics and delivered a conversation that addressed the role of partisanship in American politics, the Trump Presidency, and the future of both major political parties. [Read more about the Spring 2018 Janus Forum.](#)

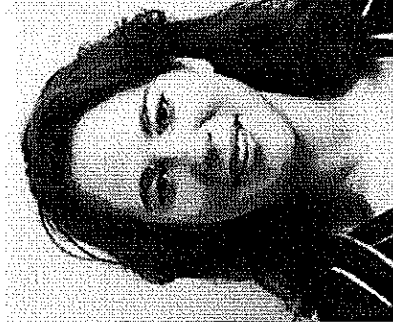


### O'Hara Lecture

The annual Lloyd and Mary O'Hara Lecture in Law and Politics was delivered by **Dr.**

**Eileen Braham**, associate professor of political science at Indiana University. **Dr.**

Braham's research is focused on the intersection of law, politics, and psychology. The title of her talk was "Assessing Government Authority: Constitutional Rules and Political Context."



[Read more about the O'Hara Lecture.](#)

### West Lecture

Among the most popular lectures each year for both students and faculty is the Darrell West Lecture in American Politics. **Dr.**

**Darrell West** is a graduate of the department whose mother,

Jean, was a long-time administrative assistant in the office. He

received his PhD in Political Science from Indiana University and went on to a long career in academia at Brown

University. He is currently Vice President, Governance Studies; Director, Center for Technology Innovation; and

Douglas Dillon Chair in Governance Studies at the Brookings Institution.



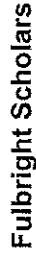
This year, the West Lecture was delivered by Ambassador **Ira Shapiro**, an expert in the U.S. Senate and international trade. [Read more about the 2018 West Lecture.](#)

### Finch Lecture

With scholarly interests in post-communism and South Africa, Dr. Jenkins has used this expertise to assess the role of authoritarian leaders in these countries. Read more about his lecture.

## Political Science Spring Awards Banquet

We also had a new student award, the Cyril Kofie Daddieh Award, honoring our colleague **Dr. Cyril Daddieh**, who passed away last year. The evening was a wonderful way to congratulate our top performing students. Read about the awards and awardees.



**Awarded a Fulbright Scholarship:**

- Majors:** Diplomacy and Global Politics, Political Science (BA/MA); **Minors:** History, European Area Studies

- Autumn Harriger, Russia, English Teaching Assistant Program

Majors: Political Science, History; Minor: Russian

**Semi-Finalists:**

- **Ali Preissing**, Czech Republic, English Teaching Assistant Program  
Majors: International Studies, Italian Studies, Political Science (BA/MA)
- **John Steele '14**, South Korea, English Teaching Assistant Program  
Majors: Social Justice Studies; Minor: Political Science

Political Science is proud of these students and their efforts to advance education throughout the world in their post-graduate work. [Read on for more information about this honor.](#)

**Ohio Public Leaders**

Eighteen Miami students with majors in political science, public administration, history, and more completed their Ohio Public Leader fellowships during the 3-week winter session in January 2018.

The Ohio Public Leaders Fellowship program (OPL), with the support of its advisory board, "provides students with a practical, co-curricular experience that enhances their understanding of the inner-workings of state and local government institutions."

The program was founded by political science professor **Philip Russo** in 2013.

[Read about the experiences of selected members of the 2018 OPL class.](#)

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**Alumni Visit: Rep. Steve Driehaus**

On a beautiful November day, the Department of Political Science welcomed back to campus an alumnus from the class of 1988 -- **Representative Steve Driehaus**.

Rep. Driehaus served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 2009-2011. During his visit to campus, Rep. Driehaus was able to see the new Armstrong Student Center and describe his Miami experience as well as his thoughts on current events during a variety of classroom visits.

[Read more about this visit.](#)



## Student Spotlights

### Lindsey McCready (Class of 2019)

- junior Pre-Law student with a Political Science and Psychology double major
- minor in Business Legal Studies
- from Springfield, Ohio
- Law and Public Policy Scholar and 2017 Ohio Public Leaders Fellow
- Inside Washington participant (Summer 2017)
- President of the Amicus Curiae Pre-Law Society



[Read about Lindsey's experiences in Political Science and the College of Arts and Science.](#)

### Amanda Ryerse (Class of 2018)

- senior Electrical Engineering major
- minor in Political Science
- from Ashburn, VA
- member of the Lockheed Martin Leadership Institute
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## Department Trips/Outings

### Ohio Township Association Winter Conference

The Department of Political Science and the Center for Public Management and Regional Affairs were proud to send 11 representatives from the Department to the 2018 Ohio Township Association Winter Conference in Columbus, OH. Students, faculty, and staff assisted in running OTA workshops and gained a first-hand look at "public administration in action."

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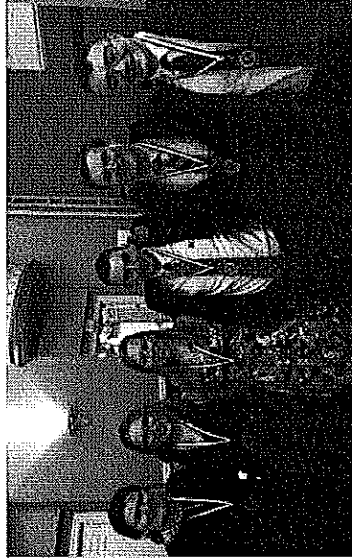


## One World Gala

In an annual tradition, the Department of Political Science sent a team of faculty, staff, and students to the 2018 Cincinnati Council on World Affairs' One World Gala.

The group (nicknamed Harrison's Henchmen) finished third in the trivia contest on international trivia, with questions related to national flags, world leaders, current events, arts and culture, and world history.

Team members included Jacob Bruggeman, Annika Fowler, Colin Greig, Patrick O'Malley, Hannah Shepherd, Madeline Zick, Dr. Bryan Marshall, and Dr. Patrick Haney.



*A few of "Harrison's Henchmen" sporting their bronze medals*

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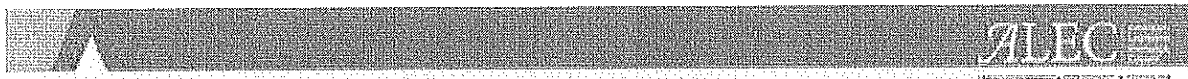
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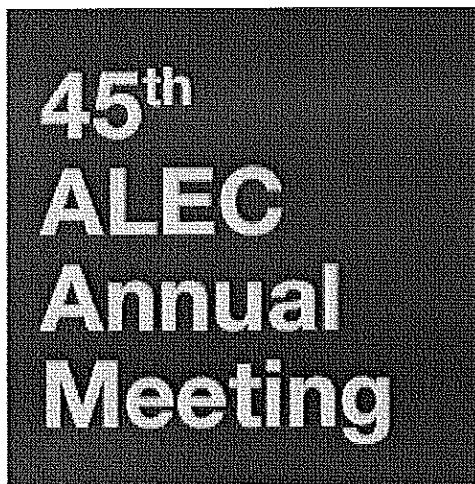
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Representative Jason Saine (NC) and Representative Justin Hill (MO)

ALEC legislators are speaking out on issues important to their states. Of



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### Jonathan Williams Joins Lars Larson in Studio

*The Lars Larson Show*



ALEC Chief Economist and VP of the Center for State Fiscal Reform joined the *Lars Larson Show* in studio in Oregon to talk taxes. Check out the video linked below.

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## Tax Cuts Work

### Hard Working Americans are Benefitting from Federal Tax Reform



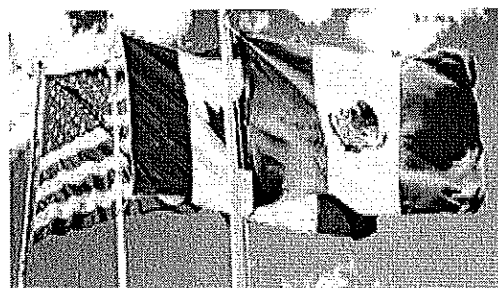
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### Abandoning NAFTA Would be Catastrophic for State Economies

Karla Jones | International Relations and Federalism | *The Hill*



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## Criminal Justice

### White House Hosts Summit on Prison Reform

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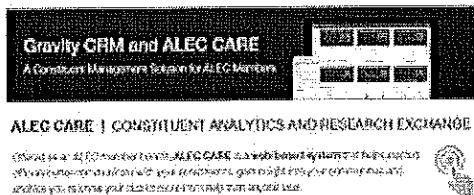


On May 18th, the White House hosted a Prison Reform Summit. During the summit, both President Donald Trump and Vice-President Mike Pence spoke about the importance of prisoner reentry. The President noted the importance of individuals who have committed crimes to take responsibility for their actions, but also spoke of the importance of more prisoners taking charge of their own lives by giving "them the tools to stand on their own two feet."

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Senator Brian Kelsey | TN-31



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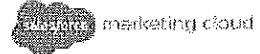
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### Are You Secure? Really? How Do You Know?

From Center For Innovation and Technology VP Bartlett Cleland



Homeland security has been top of mind for state legislators for the last several years. Whether discussing and sharing best practices or understanding how to best protect the nation's students in school or how to handle cybersecurity threats legislators continue to search for better answers. A large challenge has been how to know that a state is on the right track, that what the legislators are doing is making a difference. In the world of cybersecurity that can be a real challenge.

One cybersecurity solution that is particularly user friendly for a non-tech CEO to understand is CyGov's approach. CyGov is a firm founded in Israel but providing global services. Israel necessarily has an intense focus on the security of those who live there given the global neighborhood in which they live. And like any place of intensity and laser like focus on one area of expertise, advancement in innovation in that area tends to follow. Members of Cygov's leadership have visited ALEC previously as part of the innovation outreach work conducted by the ALEC Center for Innovation and Technology. As the company describes itself "CyGov is a cyber security firm focused on developing a cyber assessment platform to enable organizations to manage their cyber risk and readiness much more effectively."

Cyberthreats against the private sector have been well covered in the press over the last few years. Broadly, there is a \$600 billion annual cost because of cybercrime, with an average cost to an attacked company of \$3.6 million. In 2017 alone ransomware, a type of software that blocks access to a computer system until a demanded sum of money is paid, attacks increased 36 percent. Attacks now come at more than 4000 a day. Companies are left with trying to quantify and

manage this risk, but generally the current state of assessments leaves much to be desired.

Corporate leaders often find that risk assessments do not provide them an effective means to confront the challenges. Assessments are often lacking clear actionable steps or fail to help interpret the risk in an understandable way. And if they do, tracking progress towards a goal is nearly impossible, often because the assessments are manual and generic, not deploying tools that fit the industry. The assessments also tend to be too narrowly focused, measuring risk from the standpoint of technology while ignoring strategy, intelligence and physical security.

But in addition to industry, people, and politics, government operations are at risk as well, attacked daily thousands of times over internationally, across the country and even locally. For example, the United Kingdom has recently invested more than \$2.5 billion in cybersecurity to fight against an estimated 4.5 million malicious emails a month. In the U.S. federal government IT professionals report, "...the security threats at federal agencies are coming from careless insiders, foreign governments, the general hacking community, 'hacktivists,' malicious insiders, terrorists, for-profit criminals and industrial spies.

Half of the respondents—from civilian agencies in particular—indicated an increase in spam and malware attacks, while more than a third saw a rise in ransomware and social engineering-related breaches." Locally, the problem is just as bad. Very publicly in Atlanta this year, but across the country from New Mexico to Colorado to Dallas to Birmingham, local governments are being attacked and often their computer systems held ransom. Government at all levels must be prepared and stay vigilant.

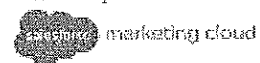
The easiest means to understand it all might just be a dashboard, providing a score and a readiness level benchmark. Combined with better data collection, extensive analysis, such visual and quantifiable analysis provides to management an understandable approach to what is going on within their organizations. As CyGov states, "In today's world of emerging cyber threats, it's not enough to stay up to date; you need to stay ahead of the rapidly evolving cyber landscape." This is particularly true of state and local governments lest they become easy targets for mischief, meddling, or malice.

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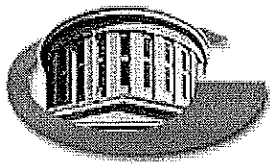
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## Daily Activity Planner for Thursday, May 31

### Legislative Committees

**House State & Local Government** (*Committee Record*) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 116, 9 a.m.

**HBANIMAL TREATMENT** (LaTourette, S.) To establish requirements governing the chemical capture of **552** animals, prohibit the use of gas chambers when euthanizing an animal, and to make changes to the law governing euthanasia of an animal by lethal injection. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**HBSTATE PROCUREMENT** (Gonzales, A.) To establish the women-owned business enterprise program **492** requiring state agencies to establish women-owned business procurement goals. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**SB DAY DESIGNATION** (Hackett, B.) To designate the twenty-fifth day of May as "Ohio National Missing **86** Children's Day." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote-Pending referral)

**HBMONTH DESIGNATION** (Ramos, D., Lang, G.) To designate September 15 to October 15 each year as **589** "Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HBLOCAL GOVERNMENT PAYMENTS** (Ramos, D.) To provide for payments to municipalities or school **594** districts for their lost income tax revenue after a business lays off 50 or more employees within their jurisdiction. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HBIMMIGRANT GRANTS** (Kent, B.) To establish the New African Immigrants Grant and Gift Fund in the **624** state treasury. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

~~Canceled: **House Session** (*Committee Record*) (Chr. Schuring, K., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1 p.m.~~

- If needed

**House Aging & Long Term Care** (*Committee Record*) (Chr. Arndt, S., 644-6011), Rm. 122, 3 p.m.

**SB ELDER FRAUD** (Wilson, S.) To develop best practices and educational opportunities to combat elder fraud **158** and exploitation and to fine and require full restitution from offenders who are found guilty of certain fraud-related crimes against the elderly. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HBRETIREMENT CREDIT** (Scherer, G., Howse, S.) Regarding Public Employees Retirement System **572** service credit for services as a nonteaching school employee of a county board of developmental disabilities. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

### Agency Calendar

**Children's Trust Fund**, 77 South High Street, 31st Floor, Conference Room East B, Columbus, 10 a.m.

**State Employment Relations Board**, 65 E. State St., 12th Fl., Columbus, 10 a.m.

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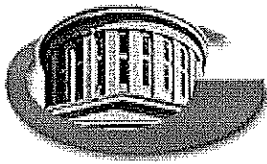
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### Volume #87, Report #104 -- Wednesday, May 30, 2018

Smith Supporters Call For Immediate Speaker Vote; Householder Camp Presses For Rule Change To Retain Schuring

Two dozen supporters of Rep. Ryan Smith are asking for a floor vote to elect a House speaker as early as Thursday.

But Speaker Pro Tem Kirk Schuring said he is sticking to his plan of gathering feedback through Friday on whether to hold a floor vote or change a rule during session June 6 to allow him to conduct normal business without the formal election of a new speaker.

Meanwhile, Rep. Smith's chief rival for the post next session, Rep. Larry Householder (R-Glenford), joined other Republicans in calling for the rule change approach.

The back-and-forth is the latest in the ongoing impasse that has paralyzed the chamber's ability to vote on legislation since former Speaker Cliff Rosenberger resigned under the cloud of an FBI inquiry.

Rep. Schuring (R-Canton) on Tuesday informed members they have until 5 p.m. Friday to tell him whether they'd like to conduct the floor vote or enact the rule change and he doubled down on that plan Wednesday. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 29, 2018)

"This will be resolved one way or another this week," Rep. Schuring said. "We need to get back to business and that's why I came up with this option: Plan A or Plan B. And that means one way or another, we're going to be back in business next week."

Asked if he still supports Rep. Smith (R-Bidwell), the frontrunner for the job, Rep. Schuring didn't directly answer, saying only that he "has no animosity or anger or frustration with Rep. Smith."

Moments before Rep. Schuring spoke with media, 24 Republicans backing Rep. Smith joined the candidate for a Statehouse press conference in which they urged a vote and a speedy resolution.

"I think this House needs a leader, a single leader and not a speaker pro tem," Rep. Smith said. "I think that needs to happen no matter whether it's me or anybody else."

Among those attending the press conference were Rep. Candice Keller (R-Middletown) who was among the 18 members who in a private caucus May 15 said they would not at that time support Mr. Smith. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 15, 2018)

Also attending was Rep. Bernadine Kent (D-Columbus) who is supporting Rep. Smith. If those two joined the 47 other members who initially said they'd support Rep. Smith in a floor vote, the candidate would be a single vote shy of the 50 votes needed to secure the job on the first ballot. Regardless, if no candidate has secured the 50 votes after 10 rounds of voting, the candidate with the majority will win.

The majority of Democrats are expected to support Minority Leader Fred Strahorn (D-Dayton) for the post. They met Wednesday in caucus to discuss their next move, according to a spokesperson.

Rep. Smith said he has begun collecting signed letters from members who are pushing for a vote right away. It's a way, he said, to track the caucus' preference - something that without the letters would only be known by Rep. Schuring.

"I don't know what the number is because it's so fluid and moving quick," Rep. Smith said. "Not everyone has been in town to sign. It's a large number."

Rep. Schuring said he'd be happy to allow outside parties to be involved in tallying members' preferences and sorting through feedback. He questioned, however, how many members might be able to attend a Thursday session given the short notice.

Smith allies, though, say members kept schedules clear in case the session was needed and pointed out that the presiding officer has the authority to compel the attendance of absent members via the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

"It's frustrating...to see us at a point we can't govern and we can't pass bills," Rep. Mike Duffey (R-Worthington) said.

Regarding the rule change, Rep. Schuring said he met with Ohio Republican Party Chairwoman Jane Timken and Rep. Householder late last week, "during which I came up with this plan B."

Rep. Smith, who was not in attendance at that meeting, repeatedly has expressed his refusal to meet with his rival. Rep. Householder opted to sit out this round, with Rep. Andy Thompson (R-Marietta) and Rep. Dorothy Pelanda (R-Marysville) the only other candidates.

"I didn't know about the meeting other than Chair Timken wanting me to come to a meeting with someone who didn't have the courage to put their name in to be speaker of the House," Rep. Smith said. "I would have happily discussed this with anyone, with Andy Thompson - as I have -- or Dorothy Pelanda. But I'm not coming to an outside party to help us solve a problem with somebody who's being obstinate in that process."

As for why Rep. Thompson or Rep. Pelanda wasn't invited to those talks, Rep. Schuring deferred comment, saying, "Chair Timken would have to answer that, but I assume we all know who the real players are in this process."

Rep. Householder said in a statement the rule change would be the "easiest, quickest and least divisive path in order for the House to return to voting sessions and get the legislative calendar back on track."

"I ask for all statesmen to put people over politics and make an elementary rule correction, clarify the true intent and move on with the people's work," he added.

Rep. Andy Thompson (R-Marietta) has urged a floor vote, although he admits he expects it won't go his way. But not all of his backers are of the same mind.

As far as Rep. Thompson's 18 supporters, several declined to comment, but Rep. Nino Vitale said he views the rule change as the better option and knows of several others who feel similarly.

"I would call it a punt," Rep. Vitale (R-Urbana) said. "We need to punt, pause, whatever you want to call it. I don't know how else to do it. I think that's the safest bet for the people of Ohio."

Rep. Vitale and others backing Rep. Thompson have expressed concern that Rep. Smith may at some point be tied up in the FBI inquiry that toppled Mr. Rosenberger since the former speaker is the one who tabbed Rep. Smith for the Finance Committee chairmanship.

Although Rep. Schuring has similar ties to Rep. Rosenberger - he was the former leader's No. 2 - Rep. Vitale said the fact he's term-limited makes it more palatable.

"I definitely believe there's (Rosenberger) connections with Kirk but he's a lot further from this whole thing," Rep. Vitale said. "But certainly not as far away from it as someone like me or Andy Thompson might be."

Rep. Andrew Brenner (R-Powell), another Thompson supporter, said he too would be open to the rule change route but said he's still considering both options.

"The Schuring one I guess I'm OK with primarily because I believe he already has the authority" to call sessions, Rep. Brenner said. "Would I prefer an alternative plan with a separate speaker, yeah, I'm still there. But we'll see what happens."

### Kidney Dialysis Amendment Supporters Push Toward November Ballot

Backers of a proposed constitutional amendment to toughen regulations for kidney dialysis clinics on Wednesday touted polling showing broad support for the proposal.

The group, Ohioans for Kidney Dialysis Patient Protection, said in a statement distributed by the Service Employees International Union District 1199 that it is on track to collect the 305,591 signatures due by July 4 to place an amendment before voters in November.

The Ohio Renal Association, whose members operate more than 300 dialysis clinics in the state, criticized the proposal as redundant and said it would put needed care for Ohioans at risk.

The proposal would require the state to conduct annual inspections of clinics and limit what they can generally charge to 115% of certain defined costs.

The proposed language was certified by Attorney General Mike DeWine in February and cleared the Ohio Ballot Board later that month. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 16, 2018)

Proponents said the poll conducted May 9-13 that found 67% of likely voters would vote yes on the measure, including 78% of Democrats, 62% of Republicans and 61% of independents.

The poll found strong support for various components of the amendment, including 90% support for annual inspections and 78% support for limiting what clinics can charge for care.

"People with kidney failure who are on dialysis are some of the most vulnerable patients I see and they deserve to receive better treatment in dialysis clinics," Dr. Ean Bett, a physician and supporter of the proposal, said in a statement. "I endorse this ballot initiative because it stops dialysis corporations from cutting corners and putting patients' lives at risk."

Diane Wish, president of the Ohio Renal Association, said the amendment's provisions would create redundant regulations that could jeopardize care for an estimated 18,000 Ohioans.

"The proposal is poorly-written, duplicative of existing federal and state rules and regulations, and places arbitrary limits on provider payments," she said. "Rather than protecting patients, these misguided provisions will likely drive many clinics to reduce services or close operations completely. This would translate into dramatically reduced access to treatment and significantly more travel time and expense for patients. For many, the health consequences could be dire."

She said a similar proposal, backed by the SEIU-UHW, is slated to appear on the ballot in California this November.

"This proposed constitutional amendment is deceptive, ill-conceived, and unnecessary, and carelessly puts the health of Ohio's kidney dialysis patients at great risk," she said. "We strongly oppose this amendment."

### Lawmaker Looks To Move Probate Omnibus, Indemnity Bill From Civil Justice Committee

The leader of the House Civil Justice Committee is eyeing two bills for quick passage once the lower chamber resolves the stalemate over its next speaker and gets back to work.

At the top of the list for chairman Rep. Jim Butler (R-Oakwood) is an omnibus probate court bill (HB 595) that he expects the panel to report the next time it meets.



Rep. Butler

"We just have a couple more bills to work on and move out, but we aren't going to meet unless we have session," he said in an interview Wednesday.

The bill, among other provisions, would allow judges to create a trust for minor beneficiaries until they reach the age of 25, clarify a coroner's obligations of notification to make it consistent and free of conflict with the law concerning right of disposition, and grant probate courts the authority to create their own guardianship boards.

"We just need to tweak some of the language, but I think that's not going to be very controversial," Rep. Butler said.

The current version of the measure has the potential to allow a probate court judge to force a social service agency into participating in a guardianship board and charge it for its participation, Rep. Butler said.

A likely amendment will be less strict.

"We want to make sure it's all a consensual operation between the boards and courts," he said.

The legislation has the support of the Ohio Judicial Conference. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 16, 2018)

Another measure eyed for quick passage is one (HB 554) that would regulate the use of indemnity provisions in professional design contracts for public improvements.

Sponsoring Rep. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) previously said existing law allows public agencies to saddle design professionals with liability requirements far in excess of what common law requires.

Rep. Butler also has legislation (HB 147) on his radar that would make several changes to the way humane societies operate. The measure, among other things, would require humane societies to submit annual enforcement activity reports to the county sheriff, nominally increase the monthly amount paid to humane agents and add an additional layer to the process of appointing agents.

The committee chairman said one of the panel's biggest lifts was completed when a tort overhaul (HB 7) was reported earlier this month.

"That was a big one we just moved out," Rep. Butler said.

#### AG Touts START Program's Initial Success Addressing Opioid Problem

None of the 47 families enrolled in a pilot program designed to assist Ohioans dealing with opioid abuse has withdrawn since the effort launched last fall, according to a report released Wednesday by Attorney General Mike DeWine.

The report detailed the initial months of Ohio START, which stands for Sobriety, Treatment and Reducing Trauma. The program, which serves families and individuals in 17 southern and central Ohio counties, offers trauma screening and counseling services for family members and expedited drug treatment opportunities for parents. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 24, 2017)

Since the program was announced in March 2017, about 60 families have been identified as potential recipients of START services. The program has served almost four-dozen families and 125 individuals since its November



launch, and the attorney general's office expects the first family will graduate from the program before the end of May.

AG DeWine said in a statement the effort is meant to serve the youngest victims of the opioid epidemic.

"Through the START program we are supporting these kids, as well as helping their parents get the treatment they need to overcome their addiction," he said. The goal is to be able to reunite families, and reduce trauma for children."

The AG's office, which is supporting the program with \$3.4 million from its Victims of Crime Act fund, already has spent \$400,000 on the project. The program employs 20 people who are in recovery from addiction as peer mentors.

Participants in START receive weekly visits from a caseworker and a mentor for half a year. At that point, the visits occur on a monthly basis.

Ohio's program is based on a similar initiative launched in Kentucky in 2007. About three-quarters of the children participating in the program remained with or returned to their parents at the end of their terms, which reduced the amount the state's counties put toward children services, according to the report.

The report states the AG's office expects similar results in Ohio.

Ohio State University's College of Social Work and Voinovich School of Leadership plan to issue a review of the pilot project after its completion.

Early Death Rate, Physical Inactivity Contribute To Ohio's Low Ranking In Senior Health; Resources Look At Addiction Harm Reduction...

Ohio ranked 34<sup>th</sup> among states in terms of health for seniors, according to a report by the United Health Foundation.

The study found Ohio's strengths in its high rate of prescription drug coverage and low prevalence of hospital deaths and frequent mental distress. Its weaknesses include a high early death rate, high prevalence of physical inactivity and high levels of preventable hospitalization.

The report found a 27% increase in the proportion of nursing home residents in low-care facilities in the past five years. In the past year, the rate of adults aged 60 and up in poverty participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program has fallen from 77% to just under 66%.

The rate of frequent mental distress among adults age 65 and up dropped from 7.4% to 6.2% in the past two years, the report found.

**Addiction Harm Reduction:** The Health Policy Institute of Ohio released a [resource page](#) with policy details on a variety of methods to reduce harm from addiction, including overdose reversal.

The use of naloxone and other medical interventions to reverse opioid overdoses is one tool policymakers can use in combating overdose deaths, but other harm reduction approaches include needle exchanges and housing access.

The page also includes information on programs such as providing e-cigarettes to current smokers, safe injection sites for drug users, and drug checking services, including fentanyl testing strip programs.

**Resources For Hospitals:** The National Addiction Policy Forum released a [toolkit](#) designed to help patients, families and emergency medicine providers work to identify patients in need of addiction help and connect them to needed services.

The resource is intended to ensure a visit to an emergency room can serve as a point of intervention for people with addiction.

"We know those who have had a nonfatal overdose are at an increased risk for a fatal overdose and need treatment for substance use disorder," Jessica Hulsey Nickel, president and CEO of the Addiction Policy Forum, said in a statement. "With the necessary protocols, assessment tools, and referral paths, a nonfatal overdose can become an intervening opportunity for connection with treatment and recovery."

**Mental Health Awareness:** A pair of senators touted a resolution (SCR 24) they introduced last week to raise awareness about the prevalence of mental illness.

"It is imperative that Ohio's elected leaders encourage efforts to increase both public awareness about mental illness and the availability of mental health treatment and services," Sen. Charleta B. Tavares (D-Columbus) said in a statement. "During this Mental Health Awareness Month, we are working to break the stigma associated with mental illness and show our strong support for the one in five Americans who suffer with mental health disorders."

The senators pointed to Ohio's ranking of 12<sup>th</sup> in the country in the prevalence of mental illness in adults, according to the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, along with high drug death and addiction rates.

"As a huge supporter of mental health awareness, issues and advocacy, I am honored to jointly sponsor a resolution with Senator Tavares, which would express the General Assembly's support of any initiatives or actions meant to increase the accessibility and availability of resources used to aid those dealing with mental health issues in the state," said Sen. Bob Hackett (R-London).

DeWine Picks Up Union Endorsement; Child-Focused Group Adds To Coalition; FreedomWorks Touts Jordan As Speaker...

Attorney General Mike DeWine on Wednesday scored an organized labor endorsement in his gubernatorial bid.

The International Union of Operating Engineers announced that it is backing his candidacy, with member Richard Dalton in a statement calling Mr. DeWine and Secretary of State Jon Husted "the best candidates to strengthen the state's infrastructure, grow Ohio's economy, and provide a better future for hard working families."

Added AG DeWine: "Eight years ago, the problem in Ohio was that we didn't have enough jobs for the people who needed them, and today, the problem is that we have many open positions, but not enough people trained to do the work."

**Growing Coalition:** The Vote for Ohio Kids campaign continues to put pressure on the state's gubernatorial candidates to make children a priority.

The group on Wednesday announced additional coalition members joining Groundwork Ohio, the Ohio Children's Hospital Association and 45 business and community leaders in the campaign.

Groundwork Ohio Executive Director Shannon Jones in a statement said the growing coalition send a message to the next governor that children need to be put front and center.

"The case for investing in early childhood education and healthcare is clear - whether you consider the substantial benefits to kids or the significant economic impact for our state," the former senator added.

Nick Lashutka, president and CEO of the OCHA, stated, "The challenges related to ensuring accessible, quality healthcare and early education for Ohio kids have impacted more than our schools and health systems. This is

why the Vote for Ohio Kids consensus agenda is supported by so many organizations and community leaders from across the state."

**Potential Speaker:** FreedomWorks for America continues to beat the drum for U.S. Rep. Jim Jordan to become the next speaker of the U.S. House.

In announcing an endorsement of Rep. Jordan's re-election bid, Executive Director Noah Wall said in a statement that the group's activists are pushing for the Urbana Republican to replace U.S. Rep. Paul Ryan (R-Wisc.) in 2019.

"In one day, conservative grassroots activists nationwide sent more than 8000 messages to their representatives to voice their support for Jordan," he said.

**Ryan Visit:** The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee is using a visit to the state by Mr. Ryan as evidence of Democratic momentum in congressional races.

Spokesman Jacob Peters in statement blasted the retiring speaker for "broadside attacks" on health care and retirement security.

"Ohio Republican congressional candidates across the state will have to answer for Paul Ryan's toxic, damaging agenda in November, and no amount of his campaign cash is going to change that," he said.

Mr. Ryan's swing to Ohio includes three fundraising events: One in Dublin on behalf of Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville), one in Dayton on behalf of U.S. Rep. Mike Turner (R-Dayton) and one in Cincinnati on behalf of U.S. Rep. Steve Chabot (R-Cincinnati).

Agency Briefs: More Relief Sought For Flood-Damaged Counties; AG; DOJ; OSHP; ODNR

Additional financial assistance is being sought for areas of eastern and southeastern Ohio counties impacted by heavy downpours earlier this year.

Rep. Jack Cera (D-Bellaire) said Wednesday he sent a letter to Gov. John Kasich seeking a higher percentage of matching state aid to supplement Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster relief funds.

"Having worked closely with the local governments in our region, I understand the financial realities they face," Rep. Cera said in a release. "Our villages and townships simply aren't in a position to cover unexpected costs of this magnitude."

Rep. Cera thanked the governor for acting quickly in declaring an emergency. Under the declaration, FEMA assists state and local governments with recovery expenses by paying 75% of eligible costs, he said. That could leave local governments shouldering an estimated \$11.5 million of the \$46 million in damages.

"I really do appreciate his help in these recovery efforts. I am just asking him to please consider the financial burden on our communities in eastern and southeastern Ohio and to give consideration to the state paying the full 25% instead of 12.5%," he said.

Ohio EMA reported receiving the letter but could not comment further as of Wednesday afternoon.

**Attorney General:** A report in Tuesday's *New York Times* shows opioid manufacturer Purdue Pharma dishonestly marketed OxyContin as "less addictive and less prone to abuse," Attorney General Mike DeWine said in a statement.

"This information has come to light as 25 states have filed suit against the opioid manufacturers who fueled the nation's drug crisis by duping doctors and flooding the market with these addictive drugs," he said. "I took legal action against the opioid manufacturers on behalf of the state of Ohio a year ago this week, and we are seeing

significant progress as more and more state and local governments file suit. It is time that the opioid manufacturers own up to the mess that they have created."

The article cites a confidential Justice Department report stating the company knew about abuse risks associated with the product early on and worked to hide that information.

**Justice:** A former State Highway Patrol trooper was among four defendants who pleaded guilty Tuesday to charges related to a drug trafficking ring that operated in Delaware County.

Former Trooper Jason J. Delcol submitted a guilty plea to one count each of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances within 1,000 feet of a public elementary school, witness tampering and possession of an unregistered machine gun and an unregistered silencer, according to a release from the U.S. Attorney's Office. He faces up to 70 years in prison.

Investigators determined Mr. Delcol trafficked in anabolic steroids, human growth hormone, oxycodone and other drugs in 2017 and 2018. He also lied on behalf of another member of the conspiracy who police found in possession of cocaine while asleep at the wheel of a vehicle last August.

When authorities searched Mr. Delcol's home in February, they found an unregistered machine gun and an unregistered silencer.

**Public Safety:** The State Highway Patrol announced 15 people died on Ohio roadways between Friday and Monday.

The total matches the results from the previous two years over the Memorial Day weekend, according to the patrol. Two of the people killed were not wearing seat belts, while two involved drivers who were intoxicated.

Troopers made 787 OVI arrests, 490 drug-related arrests and cited 8,242 people for not wearing seat belts over the weekend.

"We take enforcing traffic laws seriously, and troopers were highly visible this weekend to encourage safety," Patrol Superintendent Colonel Paul A. Pride said in a statement. "We thank everyone who slowed down, buckled up and designated sober drivers this weekend. We ask that you do the same every time you get behind the wheel."

As of Tuesday, 380 people have died on Ohio roadways so far this year, down 4% compared with the same period of time in 2017.

**Natural Resources:** The Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management reported 2,830 permits had been issued for drilling in the Utica shale through May 19. .

There were 1,898 wells in production over the same time period. The division reported one new permit was issued for the week beginning May 13.

Supplemental Agency Calendar

## Wednesday, June 6

Ethics Commission, Rm. 2, Level 2, 30 W. Spring St., Columbus, 11:30 a.m.

## Wednesday, June 13

Veterinary Medical Licensing Board, 77 S. High St., Rm. 1918, Columbus, 8:30 a.m.

Supplemental Event Planner

## Tuesday, June 19

RSCC Building Fund fundraiser, RSCC Office, 88 E. Broad Street, Suite 1650, Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Chair: \$10,000 | Host: \$5,000 | Sponsor: \$2,500 | Patron: \$1,000 to RSCC Building Fund)

## Wednesday, June 20

Sen. Scott Oelslager (R-Canton) fundraiser, Brookside Country Club, 1800 Canton Avenue NW, Canton, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000 | Host: \$500 | Sponsor: \$250 to Oelslager for Ohio Committee)

## Tuesday, June 26


Sen. John Eklund (R-Chardon) fundraiser, Deep Springs Trout Club, 11069 Chardon Road, Chardon, 5:30 p.m., (5:30pm Cocktails | 6:30pm Dinner. Chair: \$2,500 | Host: \$1,000 | Sponsor: \$500 | Patron: \$250 to Friends of John Eklund)

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### STFS Model Policy Update

#### Model Policy From 2018 Spring Task Force Summit Finalized and Online

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All model policies voted on and passed at the 2018 Spring Task Force Summit in Grand Rapids, MI have been finalized and approved by the ALEC Board of Directors. They have also been posted on the site in their final iterations. You can view all policies passed and approved from STFS by following the link below.

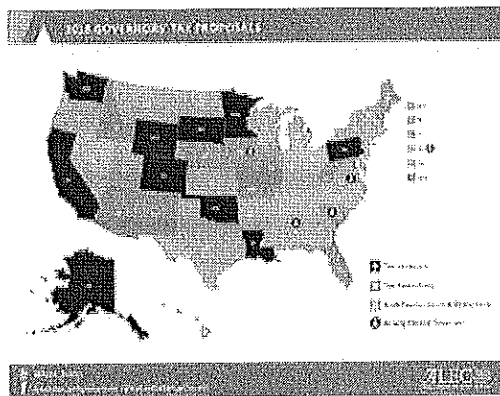
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### New ALEC Publication

#### State of the States: An Analysis of the 2018 Governors' Addresses

Center for State Fiscal Reform

This week, the ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform released its annual **State of the States Report**, which analyzes gubernatorial addresses and the policy prescriptions outlined in each, as well as



how they will affect their respective states. Learn more about how governors are driving fiscal policy, both for better or for worse. Also don't miss the profile of the new report from the **Washington Examiner: "Trump Tax Cuts Spark More Reductions in 13 States."**

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### Occupational Licensing Bill a Winner for Oklahoma

Representative Mark Lepak | OK-9 | [NewsOK.com](#)



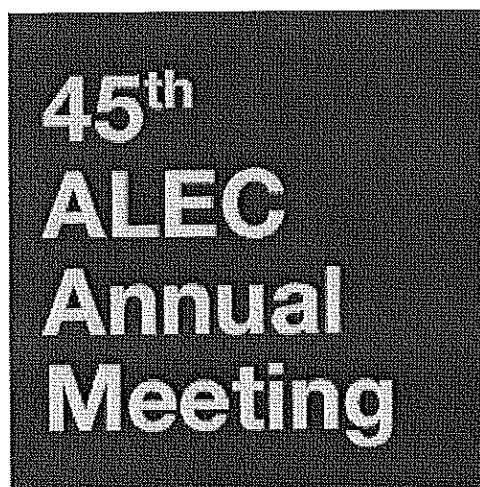
"We need to do all we can to make sure these Oklahomans are able to have the opportunity to become contributing members of society in a positive way, instead of becoming dependent on the state, or worse, falling back into the criminal justice system when lack of hope and opportunity suggests a return to crime is an option that should be considered."

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### 45th ALEC Annual Meeting 60 Day Notification Coming Soon

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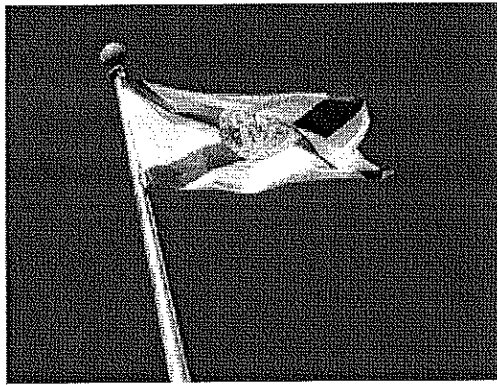
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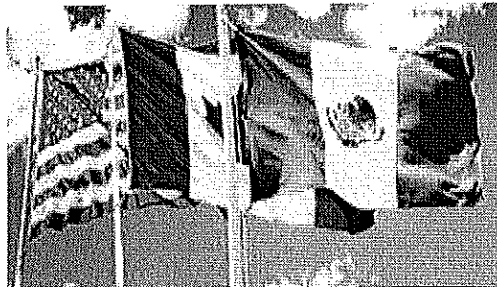
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## International Trade

### NAFTA Is a Good Deal for the States

Karla Jones | International Relations and Federalism



While in need of updates, NAFTA is a good deal for the states and a good deal for America. Negotiations require discipline and hard work, however, NAFTA modernization is well worth the effort. The nation is counting on a successful negotiation of this vital trade framework..

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### A Dedicated Public Servant in Arizona

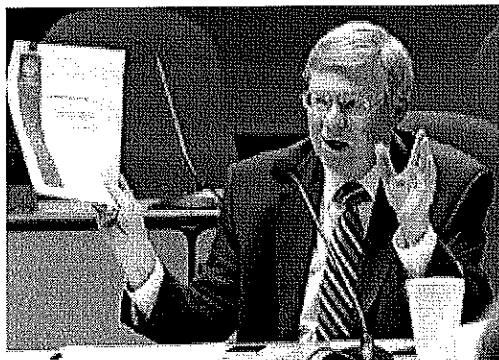
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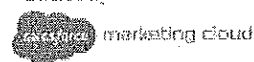


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Group says Ohio needs office to lobby for more military jobs (Associated Press, 5/31/2018)

Mike DeWine says right-to-work is not on his agenda. So did GOP governors who later supported it. (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)

Paul Ryan to attend Troy Balderson fundraiser in suburban Columbus (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)

Questions about funding stall Ohio bail-reform bill (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)

State Rep. Scott Lipps wears his last name with a smile (Cleveland Plain Dealer, 5/31/2018)

Brown-Portman bill would give fentanyl detectors to law enforcement (Columbus Dispatch, 5/31/2018)

Democratic group assails Balderson on ECOT campaign cash (Columbus Dispatch, 5/31/2018)

Group says Ohio needs office to lobby for military jobs (Columbus Dispatch, 5/31/2018)

Speaker feud continues as Smith backers call for immediate vote (Columbus Dispatch, 5/31/2018)

Bill would push Ohio schools to open after Labor Day (Dayton Daily News, 5/31/2018)

Dayton company part of 'clean energy' movement that could create 20K Ohio jobs (Dayton Daily News, 5/31/2018)

Dems want to pin ECOT blame on GOP in fall election: What's really going on (Dayton Daily News, 5/31/2018)

Ohio House speaker candidate demands immediate vote (Toledo Blade, 5/31/2018)

Lawmakers losing patience get the promise of a light at the end of the tunnel (WDTN, 5/31/2018)

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Beacon Journal/Ohio.com editorial board: Listening to voters, the ACLU of Ohio way (Akron Beacon Journal, 5/31/2018)

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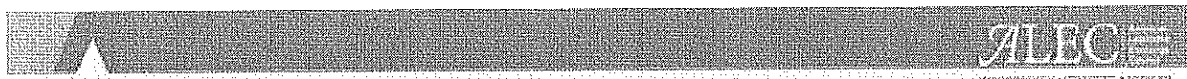
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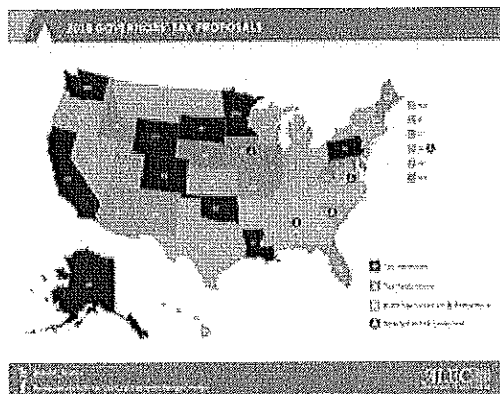
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### 2018 State of The States Report

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#### 2018 *State of the States* Roundtable Discussion

Jonathan Williams, Joel Griffith and Thurston Powers | Center for State Fiscal Reform

ALEC Chief Economist and VP of the Center for State Fiscal Reform Jonathan Williams sits down with Tax and Fiscal Policy Director Joel Griffith and Analyst Thurston Powers to



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### **State of the States Report Spurs Discussion, Recognition in the States**

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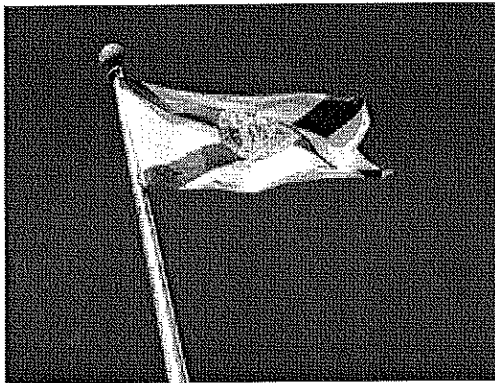
The newly released *2018 State of the States Report* has people talking, from media and statehouse politicos to leaders like South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster. Articles on the report have appeared in Washington Examiner and One News Now. Check out these articles and see what people are saying about this report.

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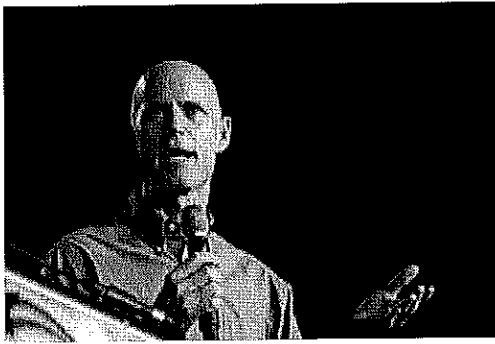
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## Best of the Best

### **Center For State Fiscal Reform Identifies its "Best of the Best" Governors' Addresses**

Center for State Fiscal Reform

The Center For State Fiscal Reform identified 5 governors' addresses in its 2018 *State of the States Report* that it considered to be 'best of the best.' Articles on Florida's Rick Scott and South Carolina's Henry McMaster dig

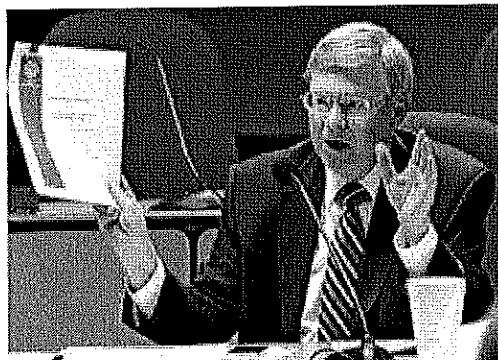


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## Expert Opinion

### Tax Reform's Second Windfall is Occurring at the State Level

Jonathan Williams | Center for State Fiscal Reform | *The Hill*



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"Americans are beginning to enjoy the benefits from the first federal tax reform since Ronald Reagan, more than 31 long years ago. The American economy is responding in an overwhelmingly positive way." @Taxeconomist.  
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The untold story of federal tax reform's success is the opportunity the new law has provided policymakers across America's 50 "laboratories of democracy," where unexpected tax receipts that are directly linked to changes in the federal tax code have been a game changer in many state capitols this year.

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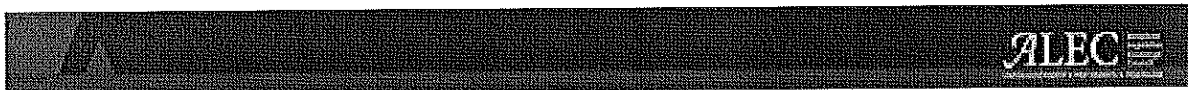
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We have a great program planned that will cover things states can do to improve healthcare, work requirements (Medicaid and SNAP), changing payment models, and patient brokering. We will also get an update on Obamacare repeal efforts and what is next on the federal level. See below for some important dates related to our meeting.

- **June 25, 2018** – 45-Day Policy Submission Deadline. If you would like to introduce new model policy please send me the draft language by that deadline.
- **July 10, 2018** – 30-Day Notice Published. This will contain a draft of the Task Force Meeting Agendas and model policies scheduled for consideration and review at the Task Force Meeting.
- **June 27, 2018** – Early Bird Registration Ends
- **July 11, 2018** – Standard Registration and Housing Deadline
- **August 9, 2018** – Health and Human Services Task Force Meeting

To vote on these model policies and engage in the important policy discussions, [register for the ALEC Annual Meeting here!](#)

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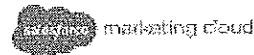
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The ALEC team is always looking for new programs and approaches to bring more value to members, and often, those ideas come directly from you. Today, I want to introduce you to a legislator-led initiative around rural issues. Last year, Arizona Representative Becky Nutt and Texas Representative Doc Anderson approached me about increased programming and discussion around rural issues—what a great idea. We held an organizing meeting at the States and Nation Policy Summit in Nashville where a group of rural legislators had a discussion about rural issues in their states, and we had the opportunity to hear a presentation on rural economic development from the Tennessee Rural Task Force.

Today, I'm proud to announce the formal launch of the ALEC Rural Caucus. The brain child of Representatives Nutt and Anderson is an opportunity for all ALEC members to develop a more inclusive and thoughtful approach to policy formulation. The Caucus is not a task force. It is an affinity group of legislators and other stakeholders that will discuss rural trends and determine plans of action—both internal and external to ALEC—to raise awareness and develop real solutions to rural issues—to American issues.

The fact is, most ALEC members come from rural or exurban areas in their states. Most rural-focused federal policy is about subsidy and government funding. And, few discuss existing, state-based, free market solutions to economic and workforce development; education, industry and agricultural investment. If ALEC rural members band together and work across their respective taskforces, ALEC can create a rural-focused public policy platform that helps grow and sustain the economic engine of America—our rural communities.

For every urban issue, there is a corollary rural issue. We do ourselves a disservice when we think of them as separate issues or groups to be addressed differently or with different programs. We are all American and together we can help bridge the divide between urban and rural to

create opportunity for a better life for all. Did you know both rural and urban communities feel misunderstood; both feel they need more government aid; and few people (only one in seven) feel they have a strong tie to home. What we know at ALEC is one's tie to home—to a geography, an industry or group—is often linked to economic drivers. One's personal and family success offers a sense of pride, purpose and place. And, proven ALEC free-market policies can ring new opportunities and renewed focus to rural America.

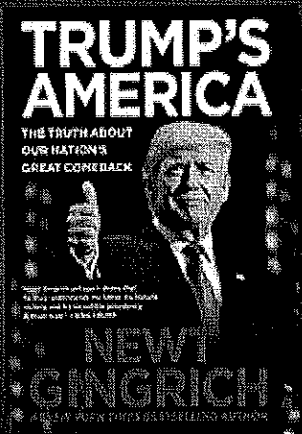
Together, we have a big opportunity to set a free-market rural agenda for the states. And, I'm looking to you to join in this challenge. In the coming weeks, ALEC will host an organizing call to set the agenda for a formal meeting at the New Orleans Annual Meeting (Registration is already moving at a record-setting pace. You don't want to miss this meeting) Following Annual Meeting, we will continue regular, agenda-setting calls and continue to develop messaging and programing that engages the existing ALEC infrastructure to include rural perspective and policy.

The opportunity is ours for the taking, and it's up to us to put in place real plans of action that respect and protect all taxpayers.


If you are interested in rural issues and want to be part of the upcoming call, please fill out the interest form at [www.alec.org/iamrural](http://www.alec.org/iamrural).

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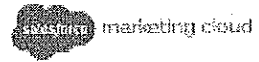
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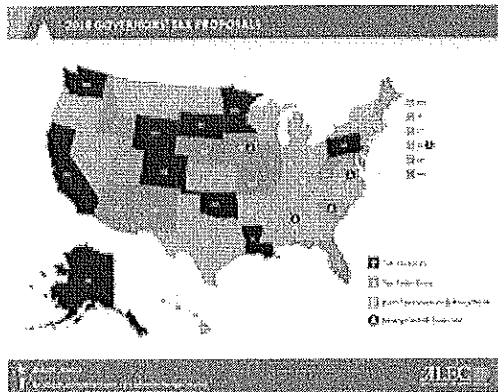
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#### State of the States: An Analysis of the 2018 Governors' Addresses

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The latest publication, State of the States, breaks down each governor's "state of the state" address and identifies strong and weak policy prescriptions. Also don't miss the profile of the new report from the **Washington Examiner**: "**Trump Tax Cuts Spark More Reductions in 13 States**", as well as the **Facebook Live Discussion** of the report.

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### Legislator Voices

#### Minimum Wage Levels — Let the States and Free Markets Decide

Speaker Linda Upmeyer | IA-54

There is a wide variation in opinions on the minimum wage at both the national and state levels. Some would prefer minimum wages ranging from \$15 to more than \$20



per hour, while others would prefer no wage floor at all. Does it make sense to have leaders in Washington D.C. arbitrarily picking a wage rate that all states are required to follow?

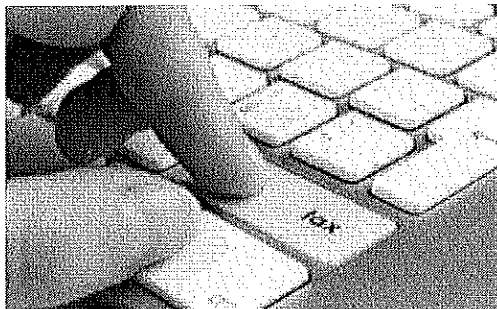
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### Expert Opinion

#### **Internet Sales Tax: They Said It Best When They Said Nothing at All**

Bartlett Cleland | Center for Innovation and Technology | [SCOTUSInternetTax.com](#)



The states that support a pro higher tax, bigger government plan do not speak for the country. In fact, they speak for a small minority of the people. When constituents understand the legal scheme that has been underway, the politicians and tax agencies who crafted and pushed the cynical plan will have wished that they, like Congress, had intentionally said nothing at all.

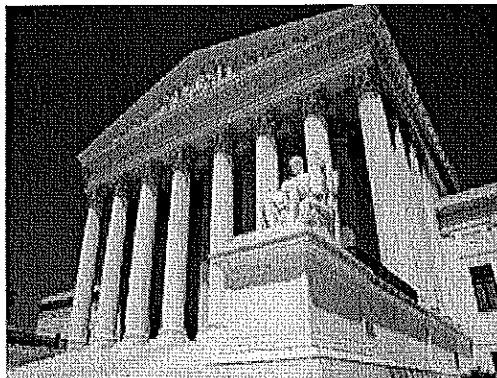
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### 4th Amendment Update

#### **Supreme Court Rules to Protect Curtilage of House from Warrantless Searches**

Jonathon Hauenschield | Communications and Technology

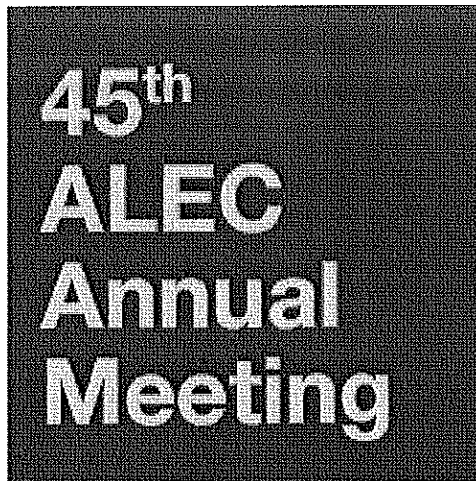


The Supreme Court recently ruled that law enforcement may not search a vehicle parked within the curtilage of a house. Courts, generally speaking, have long recognized that the curtilage of a home falls within Fourth Amendment protections. The automobile exception to the Fourth Amendment will not protect against suppression of evidence by a trial or appellate court if officials obtained the evidence by invading a home or home's curtilage.

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## Occupational Licensing Update

**Nebraska Passes Occupational Licensing Reform**  
Ariel Friedman | American Legislative Exchange Council



In a refreshing spirit of bipartisanship, Democrats and Republicans have come together in support of occupational licensing reform. Occupational licensing requirements often discourage prospective workers from entering a licensed profession, which can contribute to the inability of low-income workers to improve their economic prospects.

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## ALEC-FreedomWorks Legislator of the Week

## Fighting for Tort Reform in Missouri

Representative Bruce DeGroot | MO-101




This week, ALEC and FreedomWorks recognize **MO Representative Bruce Degroot** as the Legislator of the Week. Representative DeGroot is a proud husband and father of three who cares deeply about the state of lawsuit reform in his state. Degroot is especially concerned about Missouri's trial venue laws, noting, "Trial attorneys across the nation have manipulated our lax venue statute to make Missouri home to virtually any lawsuit they file."

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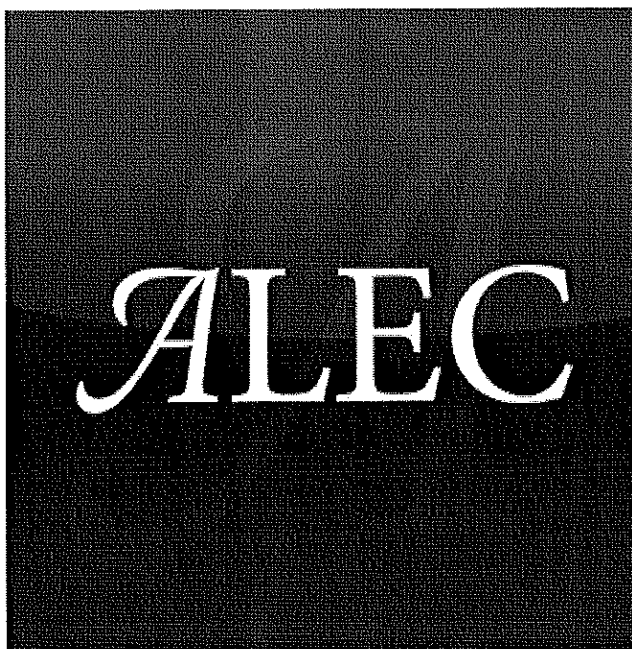
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### Chairman's Corner

#### Minimum Wage Levels – Let the States and Free Markets Decide

Speaker Linda Upmeyer | Iowa House of Representatives | Chair, Center to Restore the Balance of Government



There is a wide variation in opinions on the minimum wage at both the national and state levels. Some would prefer minimum wages ranging from \$15 to more than \$20 per hour, while others would prefer no wage floor at all. What I am more concerned about is allowing the federal government in Washington D.C. to impose an arbitrary, one-size-fits-all mandate that doesn't consider the significant differences between our 50 unique states. [Read more here.](#)

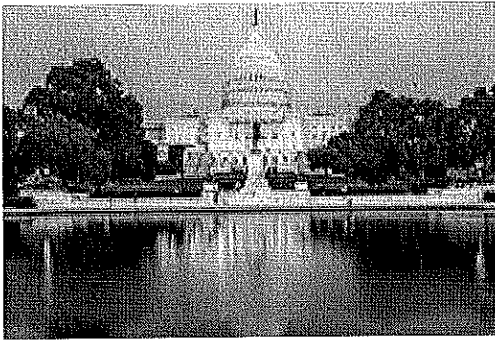
### Task Force Announcement

#### Federalism Virtual Task Force Meeting - June 13 at 4pm ET

Karla Jones | Center to Restore the Balance of Government

This is a reminder that the ALEC Task Force on Federalism and International Relations will hold a Virtual/Conference Call Task Force meeting to consider proposed draft model policy "**Draft Maximizing Opportunity and Minimizing Risk through Grant Process Reform**", which can be accessed [here](#).

The Virtual Meeting will take place at 4:00pm Eastern Time on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 via conference call. All members of the ALEC Task

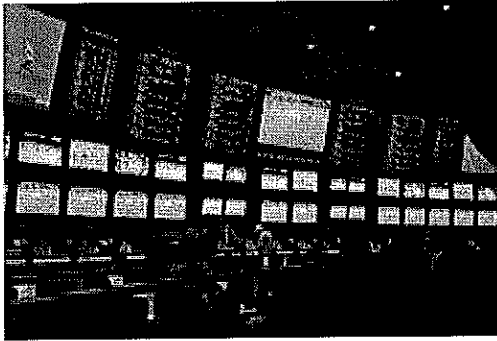


Force on Federalism and International Relations are strongly encouraged to participate on the call. RSVP to [kjones@alec.org](mailto:kjones@alec.org) or 571-482-5017, if you have not already. An article that appeared on the ALEC Blog which provides an overview explaining the challenge the draft model policy is designed to address can be accessed [here](#). If adopted, the draft will be referred to additional Task Forces for their consideration.

## Supreme Court Decision

### Supreme Court Strikes Down Federal Law that Prevented Gambling on Sports

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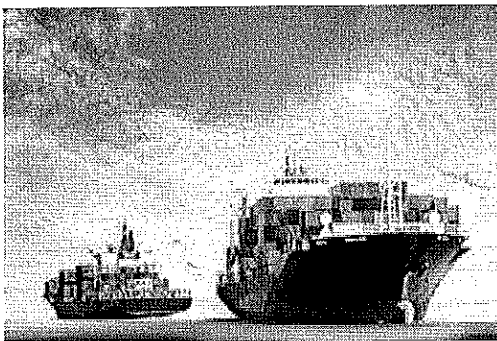
States now have the authority to legalize sports gambling. The United States Supreme Court struck down the Professional and Amateur Sports Protection Act (PAPSA) on 10th Amendment and anti-commandeering grounds. Essentially, the Supreme Court ruled that the federal government could not prevent states from legalizing sports gambling. After PAPSA went into effect on January 1, 1993, it effectively prevented any state from legalizing sports gambling unless a state had already legalized it. In effect, this meant Nevada, which had vast state-sponsored sports bettors, and three other states that had more restricted betting (Delaware, Montana, and Oregon) were permitted to continue to allow sports betting, but other states were prohibited from authorizing it.

[Read more here.](#)

## International Trade Benefits the States

### NAFTA and the Power of Foreign Direct Investment to Create Jobs

Karla Jones and Ian Cook | Federalism and International Relations Task Force



The prospects for modernization of NAFTA this year are dwindling as the Administration discovers what trade negotiators have long known – that negotiating trade deals is complicated. While NAFTA needs updates, an imperfect NAFTA is far preferable to no NAFTA at all. Read more about how the states benefit from this vital trade framework [here](#). Much of current U.S. trade policy misses the importance of foreign direct investment (FDI) in growing the American economy and creating American jobs. Foreign-owned businesses are responsible for more than 6 million jobs in the U.S., and according to [U.S. Department of Commerce statistics](#) Germany has consistently ranked among the top countries investing in America. 674,000 Americans are employed by German firms and almost half of those jobs are in manufacturing. Representative of German Industry and Trade (RGIT) recently published an excellent analysis of the trade and commerce

that occurs between Germany and each of the states underscoring the key role foreign investment plays in our nation especially at the state level. See how German business is helping to grow your state's economy [here](#) and access the RGIT report [here](#).

## International Democracy

### High Level American Officials Should Visit Taiwan & Malaysia Elected a New Prime Minister – He's 92 Years Old!

Karla Jones and Lacey White | American Legislative Exchange Council



The Taiwan Travel Act which encourages visits between U.S. and Taiwanese officials at all levels was signed into law by President Trump. Since 1979 the U.S. restricted such exchanges in a misguided and self-imposed effort to uphold the spirit of the one-China principle. This doctrine has failed to increase economic or political liberalization in China. Indeed, China's autocratic course has accelerated with the elimination of presidential term limits by China's Communist Party Committee earlier this year enabling President Xi Jinping to remain in power indefinitely. Meanwhile on the other side of the Strait, Taiwan has become a vibrant free market outpost in a global neighborhood where genuine liberal democracies are uncommon. Read more about the Taiwan Travel Act [here](#). Malaysia's incumbent president redrew the political map to ensure his reelection and lost! The new Prime Minister plans to rein in corruption and scrap legislation that had a chilling effect on press freedoms. Read more about it [here](#).

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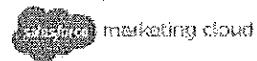
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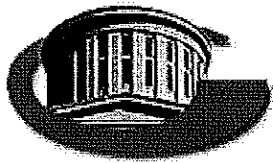
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### Legislative Committees

**House State & Local Government** (Committee Record) (Chr. Anielski, M., 644-6041), Rm. 116, 10 a.m.

**SB DAY DESIGNATION** (Hackett, B.) To designate the twenty-fifth day of May as "Ohio National Missing 86 Children's Day." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible substitute & vote)

**HBSTATE SPENDING** (Dever, J., Greenspan, D.) To require the Treasurer of State to establish the Ohio State 40 Government Expenditure Database. (4th Hearing-All testimony)

**SB REGIONAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS** (Dolan, M.) To modify the law concerning regional councils 239 of governments. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HBLAND SALES** (West, T., Green, D.) To give county auditors more discretion with respect to how often tax- 598 forfeited land shall be offered for sale, to expressly immunize counties from civil liability in connection with such land, and to remove a requirement that property held by a land bank for more than fifteen years must be offered for sale at a public auction. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HBLEGISLATIVE PAY** (Becker, J.) To enact the "Average Wage Fully Uniform Law (AWFUL)" to set the 649 baseline compensation for General Assembly members equal to Ohio's median household income. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HBAWARENESS MONTH** (Schaffer, T.) To designate July as "Hank Kabel Sarcoma Awareness Month." (1st 651 Hearing-Sponsor)

**HBPARTICIPATORY BUDGETING** (Howse, S.) To authorize counties to engage in participatory budgeting. 653 (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HBIMMIGRATION LAWS** (Howse, S., Ramos, D.) To clarify a municipal corporation's authority to enact 662 policies to effectively allocate its resources in order to satisfy municipal law enforcement needs and comply with federal immigration laws as appropriate. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

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### Agency Calendar

**State Dental Board**, 19th Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 8:15 a.m. (The Education Committee meets at 8:15 a.m. followed by a full board meeting at 9 a.m. and further committee meetings at 1 p.m.)



**Veterinary Medical Licensing Board**, 77 S. High St., Rm. 1918, Columbus, 8:30 a.m.

**Expositions Commission**, Voinovich Livestock & Trade Center meeting room, Ohio Expo Center & State Fair, Columbus, 9 a.m. (Committee meetings begin at 9 a.m. leading up to the full commission meeting at 11 a.m.)

**Petroleum Underground Storage Tank Release Compensation Board**, Suite 350, 4151 Executive Parkway, Westerville, 10 a.m.

**State Emergency Response Commission**, 2855 W. Dublin-Granville Rd., Columbus, 10 a.m. (The full SERC meeting at 1:15 p.m. will be preceded by a meeting of the Administration and Funding, Operations and Issues and Training and Education committees running concurrently from 10-11:30 a.m., followed by a SERC Executive Committee session from 12:15-1 p.m. at the same location.)

**BWC Health Care Provider Quality Assurance Advisory Committee**, Rm. 3, Level 2, 30 W. Spring St., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

**Public Utilities Commission of Ohio**, 180 E. Broad St., 11th Fl., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.

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**Rep. Adam Miller (D-Columbus) fundraiser**, Pins Mechanical Company, 141 N. 4th St., Columbus, 5:30 p.m., (Sponsor \$500, Host \$250, Suggested Donation \$125 to Miller for Ohio)

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### Ed Board Just Shy Of Unanimous Approval For Strategic Plan

Despite one member's objection that the document strayed too far into family matters, the State Board of Education on Tuesday overwhelmingly voted in favor of adopting a strategic plan for education for the years 2019-24.

The plan establishes three "core principles" of equity, partnerships and quality schools that will be applied toward the goal of the state seeing improvement every year in the percentage of high school graduates who are continuing their education, earning a living wage or serving in the military one year after graduation.

District 9 board member Stephanie Dodd said the document stemmed from the "most collaborative process" she has seen during her tenure on the board. She said she fully supports the document, but added the board will have to work to ensure the department implements the plan properly.

"It allows us a direction to move in that I think is in the best interest of every child," she said of the document.

Echoing her colleague, at-large board member Kara Morgan offered praise for the open nature of the process that led to the document's creation.

"Anyone who wanted to weigh in was listened to," she said.

District 10 board member Nick Owens said he views the plan as "something that unites all of our state."

"I see this plan as a framework for our future, not a mandate," he said.

While the plan received glowing reviews from her colleagues, District 7 board member Sarah Fowler said she could not support the document because it "steps out of the bounds of state government and into the bounds of the family."

"The plan continues to replace the role of the family in determining the social and emotional beliefs of their children," she said.

Ms. Fowler said she has specific concerns about references within the document to "defining expectations for social and emotional learning" for students.

Board member Meryl Johnson, of the 11<sup>th</sup> District, said she thinks the plan reflects the reality that schools often have to step in to ensure students receive needed assistance that may not be available at home.

"It would be so wonderful if every family was capable of doing what they needed to do for their children to help them be successful in school," she said.

Sen. Peggy Lehner (R-Kettering), an ex officio member of the board, said she views the plan as "an excellent document." She said she would attempt to "sell this plan as best I can" to the legislature.

In other action, the board approved stricter enrollment standards for schools seeking to qualify for dropout prevention and recovery report cards by a vote of 15-1, with Ms. Fowler voting against approval. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, May 14, 2018)

The board also voted 13-3 against a resolution approving the transfer of territory within the Columbus City School District to the Hamilton Local School District.

#### Insurer Task Force Details Drug Policy Recommendations

Addiction prevention, intervention and treatment are at the center of recommendations released Tuesday by a group of health insurers convened by Attorney General Mike DeWine.

The report is the culmination of several months of work by the state's health plans. Some of the 15 recommendations stem from practices individual plans shared with the rest of the industry, task force members said at a news conference.

The recommendations and the work by insurers marks another step in trying to address the opiate crisis, AG DeWine said.

"Certainly, the fight is far from over," he said. "We're starting to see, though, some promising results. What keeps the death rate up is the fact that we have moved significantly and tragically in Ohio to fentanyl. But there are some signs of progress."

The attorney general's office has filed lawsuits against other groups in efforts to address the opiate crisis, but in the case of insurance plans, AG DeWine said collaboration was the best approach.

"While we felt in other cases it was appropriate to file lawsuits, we felt in this case, to get the best results, it would be appropriate to put people in a room and see what they could come up with," he said. "This is one part of how we deal with the problem."

The group's recommendations for addiction prevention call for more coverage and encouragement for the use of non-opioid and non-pharmacological treatments for pain, targeted education efforts for high-volume prescribers and for patients, and reductions in the number of opioids prescribed to adolescents and young adults.

For intervention, the group recommended insurers educate prescribers about tapering guidelines for patients with chronic pain and encourage prescribers to reduce patients' dependence on opioids. They also suggested plans use "lock-in" programs, which can cut down on doctor-shopping by requiring targeted high-risk patients to use a specific pharmacy.

The lock-in program is already used by some insurers, including Buckeye Health Plan, whose president and CEO Bruce Hill said they use it to keep high-risk members from shopping at multiple pharmacies for repeated prescriptions.

"We identify the members, we assess their situation both clinically and from a social standpoint, and we lock them in to using just one pharmacy," he said.

Other intervention recommendations included using multidisciplinary teams to care for members with opioid-use disorder and directing providers to screen pregnant patients for opioid use throughout pregnancy.

Another suggestion called on plans to work with the government to coordinate drug treatment for people set to leave incarceration, including state prisoners and county jail inmates.

"Before people are released, the process of engaging them in health care starts," said Dr. Mario San Bartolome, medical director for substance abuse disorders at Molina Healthcare.

The report also recommended lawmakers give commercial insurance companies access to prescription information in the Ohio Automated Rx Reporting System, the state's database of controlled substance prescribing activity.

Miranda Motter, president and CEO of the Ohio Association of Health Plans, said the change is one plans have been pushing for over the past couple of years. Plans are generally aware when their members use insurance for a prescription, but they aren't if that member pays cash or otherwise doesn't file a claim.

"We don't have access, we don't have authorization to see that data today. That becomes another important piece of this puzzle," she said in an interview. "The opioid epidemic is not something that is unique to Medicaid, it is everywhere. If we can have that additional piece of information, that could be critical."

On drug treatment, the task force recommended plans eliminate or expedite prior authorizations for medication assisted treatment and increase reimbursement rates to cover the cost of treatments, including MAT.

Insurers are one part of the landscape of groups that are taking an active role in trying to address the drug epidemic, the attorney general said.

"If you compare what is going on in community after community today versus five years ago, three years ago, there's a lot more going on, communities are fighting back, there's an understanding of the problem," he said.

The recommendations drew praise from the Ohio Council of Behavioral health and Family Services providers.

"Attorney General DeWine and members of the task force have demonstrated great leadership in developing this report's recommendations," CEO Lori Criss said in a statement. "We are especially pleased with the overt recognition that Ohio needs vigorous enforcement of the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008, preventing insurance plans from imposing benefit limits on behavioral health services that do not exist for medical/surgical benefits. We also particularly appreciate the recommendations reducing prior authorization for medication assisted treatment and to increase reimbursement rates to adequately cover the cost of substance-use disorder treatment."

Quick and full claims payment is important, Ms. Criss noted. She pointed to CareSource, a Medicaid managed care plan that has recently encountered problems meeting the state's prompt payment standards.

CareSource officials told lawmakers last month that they are working with the Department of Medicaid to resolve problems, which began in the second half of 2017. (See [Gongwer Ohio Report, May 10, 2018](#))

### State Board Panel Delays Decision On Third-Grade Reading Benchmark

A State Board of Education committee Tuesday balked at recommending approval for a higher Third Grade Reading Guarantee promotion score, as members asked for more time to consider the change and discuss it with local school districts officials.

The Achievement and Graduation Requirements Committee debated the possibility of raising the score students would need to achieve on Ohio State Test for third grade English and language arts from 672, the benchmark for last school year, to 677 for the 2018-19 school year.

District 4 board member [Pat Bruns](#) said she would like further documentation outlining the Department of Education's rationale for its recommendation for the new bar and more time to talk with local officials before voting. She said she has concerns districts' improvements at helping young students learn to read would not be accurately represented on their report cards if the new benchmark goes into effect.

"That's the rub for me, that it sends kind of a false message," she said.

At-large board member [Laura Kohler](#), the committee's chairwoman, said some districts initially might be frustrated with the change, but she reminded her fellow board members the state's ultimate goal is for every

student to achieve a score of 700, which indicates proficiency.

"We need to balance that angst with what I see as our responsibility, and our responsibility is to those kids," she said. "We have to keep raising the bar."

Beyond the board's duty to its youngest students, Ms. Kohler said she supported increasing the benchmark to 677 because administrators and teachers have been aware the standards are going to get tougher and have been preparing for it.

"We're looking at a different landscape than we were a couple of year ago with the supports that are in place," she said.

Beth Hess, early literacy specialist for ODE, said additional resources being offered to districts include \$35 million in federal funding from the Striving Readers Comprehensive Literacy Grant. She said the program has distributed funds to 46 awardees in support of early literacy improvement efforts.

While the committee was scheduled to vote on the recommendation this week ahead of a vote by the full board next month, board member Kara Morgan suggested the panel could table the discussion. She said the state board could pass its resolution on the topic as an emergency measure at its July meeting in order to set the new benchmark before the start of the next school year.

Ms. Kohler said that would work, but board members must provide ODE staff with a different rationale for setting the benchmark or a different number if they're not comfortable with the change to 677.

Although Ms. Kohler at first suggested the board could consider not increasing the standard, ODE Chief Legal Counsel Diane Lease said state law requires some kind of a bump in the promotion score.

Ms. Kohler said the board this fall should consider creating an outline of the state's long-term plan for "how we're going to get to 700" and how long it might take as a guide for the state's school districts.

#### Administration Continues Opposition To Codifying Treasurer's 'Checkbook' Website

The state budget director is marking the second anniversary of his office's Interactive Budget website with plans to reiterate concerns about a bill requiring the continuation of State Treasurer Josh Mandel's online "Ohio Checkbook."

Backed by Mr. Mandel but opposed by Office of Budget and Management Director Tim Keen, the legislation (HB 40) is set for a fourth hearing Wednesday in the House.

In earlier sponsor testimony on the proposal, Rep. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati) and Rep. Dave Greenspan (R-Westlake) said that since Mr. Mandel initiated OhioCheckbook.com, the state has seen its transparency ratings by the U.S. Public Interest Research Group soar to number one from 46<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

"House Bill 40 will ensure that future treasurers, regardless of political affiliation or commitment to transparency, maintain this important tool that already is providing more accountable government to our state's residents," they stated. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 21, 2017)

Other supporters include the Ohio New Media Association, Americans for Prosperity-Ohio, the Buckeye Institute, Common Cause Ohio and Ohio Society of CPAs.

Nevertheless, Mr. Keen said in a recent interview that OBM, given its core mission, should be the agency that houses such a site and noted the Ohio's Interactive Budget website has been up and running for two years.

"OBM by law is charged with setting up and running the accounting system. OBM by law manages the budget process on behalf of the governor and then monitors and reviews the budget after the fact," he said.

"If you're going to put into law a requirement that this be done, my argument is it should be the agency that by law runs the accounting system where the data comes from - that runs and monitors the budget - that has the people who understand how the system works and the numbers - what they mean and what they're context is."

"That's not what the treasurer does," Mr. Keen added. "The treasurer invests money for the public and they sell bonds."

Mr. Mandel's site differs in some ways from OBM's, including the addition of financial information on local governments.

"I have no objection if they want to put something up (online) that's fine. I have no problem if they run a local (government) site," the OBM director said. He does have a problem with a state law requiring as much.

Critics have also raised concerns about duplicative efforts and costs. While OBM produces its information in-house for a cost of about \$130,000, Mr. Mandel has paid about \$2.5 million to OpenGov Inc. to operate its site.

But Mandel spokesman Chris Berry said most of that total deals with OpenGov's work on the local component of the website.

"OhioCheckbook.com, which posts over \$650 billion in state spending data, cost \$813,979.62 and was funded entirely by the Treasurer's office existing operating budget. OpenGov was not contracted to build the state site," he said in an email. "The Treasurer's office does partner with OpenGov to provide residents of Ohio the ability to view and search their local government expenditures in a user-friendly, digital format but this is different than the state site which is what HB40 deals with."

Deputy Treasurer Seth Metcalf said in earlier testimony on the bill that it does not address the local government component of the checkbook website, which Mr. Mandel wants to keep voluntary.

Despite its voluntary nature, dozens of local government entities have agreed to post their budgetary data on the site.

"Treasurer Mandel believes that when you give citizens the tools to better track government spending, more responsible decisions will be made," Mr. Metcalf said. "This legislation is just one more way to shine sunlight on government, so that taxpayers can follow their hard-earned tax dollars and hold public officials accountable."

HB40 is the third iteration of the proposal, as the prior two cleared the House but stalled in the Senate. They were House Bill 46 of the 131<sup>st</sup> General Assembly and House Bill 175 of the 130<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

OBM describes its site as follows: "Ohio's Interactive Budget is a first of its kind, comprehensive website that provides open access to the financial and transactional data contained in the State's accounting system. The Interactive Budget presents a detailed look at the budget, spending and revenues using Tableau software (purchased by the state for use by all agencies) to share a graphic depiction of our data."

In the two years since the website launched in June 2016, more than 39,000 unique users visited our site more than 75,000 times, according to OBM. The data on the budget site is updated daily.

### Public Universities' Annual Economic Impact Tops \$40 Billion, Study Finds

The presidents of Ohio's public universities Tuesday touted a study showing their institutions, students and alumni added \$42 billion to state's economy in fiscal year 2016-17 as a rationale for increased investment from the legislature.

The study, which Economic Modeling Specialists International conducted for the Inter-University Council of Ohio, also determined one of 12 jobs in the state is supported directly or indirectly by public universities and

their students. The report also found Ohio students receive \$4.60 in higher earnings for every \$1 they spend on tuition, supplies and other costs related to attending a public university.

Jay Gershen, president of Northeast Ohio Medical University and chairman of the IUC board, said another key finding from the study was that the government sees \$4.10 in economic benefits for every dollar state and local governments spend in support of the system.

"The study provides solid, quantifiable evidence of the value of Ohio's public institutions of higher education, including the fact that they generate more tax dollars than they collect, which strengthens the rationale for supporting a robust system of public universities," he said.

Hannah Ruffridge, assistant director of consulting for EMSI, said the state benefits in multiple ways from its spending on higher education. She said university graduates tend to pay more in state taxes, while spending on the university system decreases the state's costs in areas such as health, unemployment and welfare benefits, as well as prisons.

"All those are government savings that will be experienced by taxpayers," she said.

The IUC released the report amid its ongoing campaign known as Forward Ohio, which calls for additional investment from the state in higher education to help shrink the state's talent gap. (See [Gongwer Ohio Report, May 14, 2018](#))

More than 155,000 jobs - about half of which have a salary of \$50,000 or more- sit open in the Ohio, according to the state's Ohio Means Jobs [website](#).

"Our state's economic future, our collective ability to attract and retain jobs investment and jobs depends on our ability to supply employers with skilled, credentialed workers," Dr. Gershen said, adding that "no entity" will play a larger role in shrinking the gap than the state's public university system.

Ohio State University President Michael Drake echoed his colleague's comments.

"We play an indispensable role in closing the gap we have in the qualifications that we need to power industries forward," he said.

Although the study measured the economic impact of the university system over one year, Ms. Ruffridge said the state should expect to see similar totals to the \$42 billion figure in future years.

"This (result) will be repeated for the most part across year after year," she said.

[Sen. Randy Gardner](#) (R-Bowling Green), who offered introductory remarks at the press conference at which the study was unveiled, said while encouraging residents to seek baccalaureate and advanced degrees is important, the state also needs more workers with associate degrees and experience in skilled trades.

"We really need an all-of-the-above education attainment approach in this state if we are going to meet the diverse demands of Ohio's economy," he said.

IUC President Bruce Johnson said the report does not come with any specific recommendations for the legislature, although he said the implied advice should be "relatively obvious."

"We always encourage (additional investment) because it pays off for the taxpayer, it pays off for the student and it pays off the state government," he said.

Workforce Board Reviews Changes To OhioMeansJobs, Library Initiative

OhioMeansJobs is about to get even more features to help connect prospective employees and employers, it was announced Tuesday.

Mark Birnbrich, project director of OhioMeansJobs, said more than 100 enhancements are coming to the website through a partnership with Monster.com.

Among the new tools that will be available on the site is one to teach users about financial literacy and another designed to address skills gaps.

With the latter, a user will upload their resume, answer questions and select an occupation, Mr. Birnbrich told members of the Governor's Executive Workforce Board.

Once completed, the website will provide users with guidance on overcoming their skills gap.

OhioMeansJobs also plans to roll out several new mobile app features during the State Fair. The app will allow users to check in and out to comply with programs in which they are participating. It will also push jobs using geofencing and pinpoint the locations on a map.

"We'll hopefully have these signs all throughout the state fair," Mr. Birnbrich said of the marketing strategy.

Another feature will provide employers with talent matching upon making a job posting. Other changes include job search by degree or certificate; a career coach; a school finder; a job search heat map; and a work values tool that allows users to determine what occupations best match their personality and work style preference.

Sen. Bill Beagle (R-Tipp City) questioned whether the website will remain easy to use given all the changes.

"That is something we are concerned about just because we are adding all these great features," Mr. Birnbrich responded.

**Workforce Development:** Held at the Columbus Metropolitan Library, much of the meeting was focused on ways in which libraries are serving their communities to boost the state's workforce.

Debbie Saunders, director of the Samuel L. Bossard Memorial Library in Gallia County, said her library is looking to solve the problem of a lack of broadband in rural Ohio through the use of a mobile hotspot device that library card holders can borrow for up to two weeks at a time.

"Our libraries play an important role in narrowing this technological gap," she said.

Launched in March 2017 with 20 kits, the program has grown to include 100 devices with a wait list of 200 people.

The program allows people to take advantage of online training opportunities, apply for jobs and more, Ms. Saunders said.

Patrick Losinski, CEO of Columbus' library system, said the 22 locations throughout central Ohio are a place for learning and job training.

"It's not uncommon for us to have someone that lost a job in manufacturing come in for keyboard and mouse training," he said.

Asked about how he takes the libraries' services to those on the streets, Mr. Losinski acknowledged that libraries are no longer a passive service and the system has partnered with non-profits and school systems. But he also said the public recognizes libraries as a valuable resource.

"With six million visitors to our locations more people are coming in than perhaps most people understand," he said.

Ryan Burgess, director of the workforce panel, said progress is being made on a recommendation in the state's two-year budget (HB 49) that the board partner with libraries across the state. Thus far, the board has entered



into 57 memorandums of understanding.

He said more than 8.7 million Ohioans have library cards and the state ranks first nationally in library visits, making them a key partner.

**In-Demand Jobs Week:** Mr. Burgess said with 150 events across the state, In-Demand Jobs Week proved to be a success.

During the week, he said, traffic to OhioMeansJobs increased by 69%. The event also received about 1,500 mentions on Twitter, reaching 5.9 million Twitter users.

"I think it was a success," he said. "We are already hearing about communities that are planning for their 2019 events."

Brown Up With New Ad; DeWine Picks Up Labor Endorsement; O'Connor Seeks To Distance Himself From Pelosi...

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown on Tuesday released his third ad of the general election campaign.

Unlike the first two spots, the Cleveland Democrat did not go negative in the most recent one, which focuses on his opposition to trade deals.

"I've made protecting Ohio jobs my top priority," he says in the 30-second spot, "For Ohio." "I'm proud I voted against NAFTA and trade deals with Colombia and South Korea and opposed the Trans-Pacific Partnership that put our jobs at risk."

**Labor Endorsement:** Attorney General Mike DeWine on Tuesday picked up another union endorsement.

The Ohio Conference of Plasterers & Cement Masons is the latest trade union to back his gubernatorial candidacy.

"Our members want to know that Ohio is going to be a great place to work and raise a family, not just today, but for their kids' and grandkids' generations, which is a vision represented for every Ohioan through Mike DeWine," Kenneth Vierling, president of the union, said in a release.

**Pelosi Distance:** Danny O'Connor on Tuesday released his first general election campaign ad in his congressional bid.

In "New Leadership," the Franklin County Recorder talks about his small town upbringing and seeks to distance himself from U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.)

"I think we need a change in leadership on both sides of the aisle," he says. "Paul Ryan's not doing anything for working families. But we need new leadership on the Democratic side of things, too. We need a new generation of leadership."

**North Korea:** Gov. John Kasich weighed in Tuesday on President Donald Trump's meeting with the North Korean leader.

The potential 2020 presidential candidate in a statement called the results of the meeting between Mr. Trump and North Korean dictator Kim Jong-Un "long on form and short on substance."

"North Korea has a history of misleading the west and backing away from agreements," he said. "Many previous attempts have failed. Promises from North Korea don't matter; we should not back off our economic and political pressure until there is a verifiable agreement and implementation has begun."

**Special Election:** A poll released by Monmouth University found Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) holding a comfortable lead over Mr. O'Connor in the special election to replace former U.S. Rep. Pat Tiberi.

The poll found that Sen. Balderson currently holds a lead of 43-33% over Mr. O'Connor. Using a likely voter model that includes a surge of Democratic voters in Franklin County, Sen. Balderson still holds a lead of 46-39%.

Patrick Murray, director of the independent Monmouth University Polling Institute, said in a statement those numbers do not bode well for a "blue wave" sweeping Mr. O'Connor to victory in the right-leaning district.

"Democrats seem to be more settled on a candidate than Republicans and O'Connor may have an opening to win over some of those undecided voters. But the real challenge may be motivation rather than persuasion," he said.

In other developments, Sen. Balderson announced he was donating \$10,000 he had received in Senate campaign contributions from Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow founder William Lager to charities. ECOT closed earlier this year and remains under scrutiny over its attendance reporting practices.

**Preexisting Conditions:** The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee is going on the offensive against U.S. Rep. Mike Turner (R-Dayton), attacking him for the decision of the administration of President Trump to no longer defend an Affordable Care Act provision protecting those with preexisting conditions.

"Never Stop" is part of a five-figure as buy that will run on Facebook, according to the DCCC.

"After their failure to fully repeal our healthcare, Republicans persisted by gutting key parts of the Affordable Care Act in their tax bill, and are now using that opening to end protections for people with pre-existing conditions like cancer, diabetes and asthma," Chairman Ben Ray Lujan said in a release.

**New Staffers:** U.S. Rep. Jim Renacci (R-Alliance) has added two new staffers to his U.S. Senate campaign.

Sarah Clamp has been brought on to serve as deputy campaign manager. She last managed a U.S. Senate campaign in West Virginia. Leslie Shield will serve as senior communications advisor after previously holding the title of vice president of communications for the National Restaurant Association.

"As we work to meet with more people across Ohio and talk about our plans to fight for them in the U.S. Senate, Leslie's and Sarah's experience will be a great asset," Rep. Renacci said in a release.

Agency Briefs: Husted Issues Guidance On Voter Rolls After Court Ruling; Auditor; ODN

County election boards must hold off on resuming the "supplemental process" of scrubbing voter rolls until after the November elections, Secretary of State Jon Husted announced Tuesday.

His guidance was delivered via a communication sent by Assistant Secretary of State Matthew Damschroder in the wake of Monday's split U.S. Supreme Court ruling that upheld the state's system for removing registered voters from the rolls after they skip elections and don't respond to notices. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 11, 2018)

"You are hereby advised to take no action until further notice regarding Ohio's supplemental process that has been on hold since this litigation began in 2016. Once additional information and instructions are available we will provide it to you," Mr. Damschroder wrote.

He added that "it is important to remember that even though the Court clearly said Ohio's longstanding supplemental list maintenance process did not conflict with the National Voter Registration Act, the other requirements of the NVRA prohibit list maintenance cancellations prior to this November's general election."

Husted spokesman Sam Rossi said that's because federal elections are slated for Aug. 7 and Nov. 6, and federal law prohibits cancelling voter registrations less than 90 days prior to a federal election.

**State Auditor:** Dave Yost on Tuesday released an audit of the Village of Alexandria in Licking County that details the extent of the theft perpetrated by former fiscal officer Laura Vanscoy Andrews.

The auditor ordered her to repay \$201,153 to the for "checks she wrote to herself, money she stole from deposits and payments that lacked supporting documentation."

"This fiscal officer's abuse of power was toxic to the Village of Alexandria," Auditor Yost said in a statement. "Her prison sentence is a well-deserved punishment for the seven years she spent ripping off the community."

Ms. Vanscoy Andrews pleaded no contest in November to the crimes and was sentenced to four years in prison and ordered to pay restitution plus court costs.

In addition to verifying her crimes, the audit found "no evidence that village council monitored financial activity, and the village had no accounting policies in place, Mr. Yost's office reported. The village has reported taking steps to strengthen its internal controls.

**Department of Natural Resources:** The agency and U.S. Hotel and Resort Management announced new renovations and acquisitions stemming from the group assuming management of Maumee Bay State Park Lodge and Conference Center.

U.S. Hotel will also operate four other lodges including Deer Creek, Mohican, Punderson and Salt Fork, which brings their total to eight throughout Ohio. The group also runs Burr Oak, Hueston Woods and Shawnee lodges.

"U.S. Hotel is a great partner, and we are excited for them to expand their work with our state park lodges around the state," said ODNR Director James Zehringer. "This is a win-win situation for both ODNR and U.S. Hotel, but most important, this change and new investment will really benefit our guests."

"What started out as a simple quest to get our fourth Ohio State Park has morphed into something we could only have dreamed of," said Tom Biegler, President and CEO of U.S. Hotel and Resort Management. "The Maumee Bay contract was the 'Holy Grail'. We knew that it was the newest of the lodges, but it was also in the most incredible location, sitting on the shore of Lake Erie. This is exactly where we want to be and we're anxious to see where our experience will take us going forward."

U.S. Hotel plans to build a "Reunion Cabin" on the shore of Lake Erie at Maumee Bay that will accommodate parties of more than 20 with large bedrooms and a state-of-the-art kitchen, according to ODNR. The company will also construct additional camping cabins to take advantage of Maumee Bay's beautiful Lake Erie views.

U.S. Hotel began operations at the Maumee Bay Lodge Jan. 31 under a contract that entails the company committing \$2.5 million for property improvements.

Supplemental Event Planner

## Thursday, June 14

**Ohio Women in Government June Networking Event, Seventh Son Brewing, 1101 N 4th St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (To register, visit: <https://conta.cc/2JJX75w>)**

Rep. Anne Gonzales (R-Westerville) fundraiser, Home of Charleen Hinson, 4520 Kitzmiller Road, New Albany, 6 p.m., (Host: \$1,000 | Sponsor: \$500 | Attendee: \$250 to Citizens for Anne Gonzales)

## Tuesday, June 26

Speaker Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell) fundraiser, The Athletic Club of Columbus, 136 E. Broad St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$5,000, Sponsor: \$2,500, Host: \$1,000, Patron: \$500 to Friends of Ryan Smith)

## Wednesday, June 27

Rep. Jonathan Dever (R-Cincinnati) fundraiser, Olivers, 26 N. High St., Columbus, 11:30 a.m., (Host: \$1,000, Sponsor: \$500, Patron: \$350 to Friends of Jonathan Dever)

## Tuesday, July 17

Republican Senate Campaign Committee MLB All-Star Game fundraiser, Dock 79, 79 Potomac Ave SE, Washington DC, 5 p.m., (Walk Off: \$5,000 | Grand Slam: \$2,500 | Home Run: \$1,000 to RSCC)


## Monday, August 27

Rep. Scott Ryan (R-Newark) golf outing fundraiser, Denison Golf Club, 555 Newark Granville Rd., Granville, 9 a.m., (9:00 am Registration, 10:00 am Shotgun Start. Event: \$2500; Food and Beverage: \$1000; Tee: \$750; Foursome: \$500; Golfer: \$125; Green: \$100 to Citizens for Scott Ryan)

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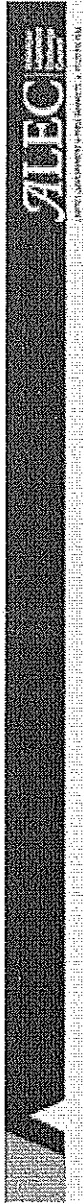
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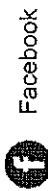
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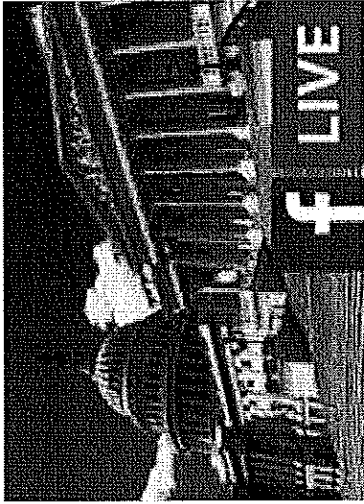
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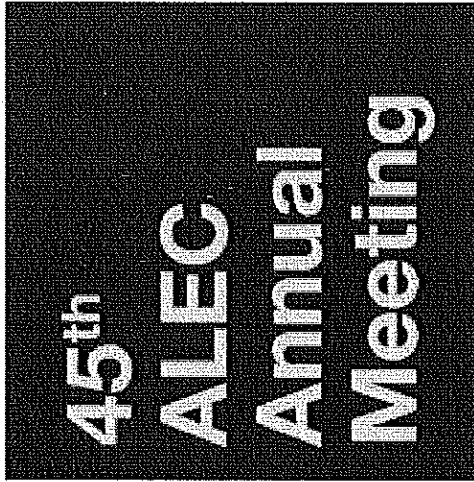
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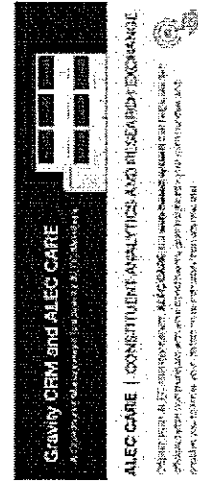
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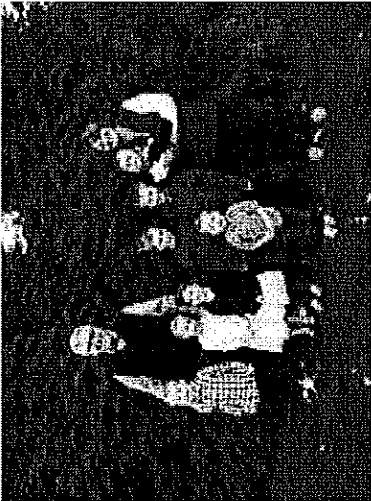


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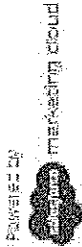
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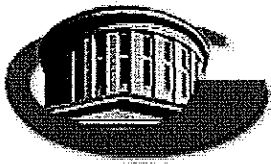
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**HB 292 OHIO RESIDENCY** (Scherer, G.) To modify the test for determining an individual's state of residence for income tax purposes, to make appropriations and otherwise provide authorization and (Enacted) conditions for the operation of state programs, and to declare an emergency.

Signed: June 14, 2018; Effective: Immediately


**HB 430 ENERGY TAX EXEMPTION** (Schaffer, T.) To modify the language governing the sales and use tax exemption for certain kinds of property used in the production of oil and gas and to extend the (Enacted) moratorium on new fireworks manufacturer and wholesaler licenses.

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#### Democrats Suggest Surplus Go Toward Local Governments, Infrastructure

State budget officials are poised to deposit at least some of an expected fiscal year-end surplus into the state's "rainy day" fund, but Democratic lawmakers suggested that money instead be invested in local communities, put toward school safety or help fight the drug crisis

Through May, the Office of Budget and Management said tax revenues are more than \$400 million above estimates, while disbursements were below estimates by nearly \$300 million.

The fiscal picture marks a dramatic change from a year ago, when lawmakers had to contend with weak tax revenues when drafting the biennial budget. Despite the improvement, Budget Director Tim Keen urged restraint on spending and tax changes, pointing to long-term economic indicators. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 8, 2018)

Rep. Jack Cera (D-Bellaire), the ranking Democrat on the House Finance Committee, suggested the state put the money toward local governments and infrastructure rather than diverting the entire surplus to the Budget Stabilization Fund.

"I would support giving a bump to the local government fund, even if it's one-time money," he said in an interview. "If you don't want to do that, invest it in the Public Works Commission, give them a boost of money so we can get some roads paved and some water lines fixed."

Investing in infrastructure would help communities around the state fulfill important needs while also not placing an ongoing financial burden on the state in the event of an economic downturn, Rep. Cera said.

Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) also said local governments need an infusion of funding for infrastructure and other needs.

"It doesn't seem to make a lot of sense to me for the state of Ohio to continue to bank taxpayers' money when our local government and our school boards and our infrastructure are struggling," she said. "If we're collecting that tax revenue, then we need to be putting that money back into the communities and investing in the communities where those people are living."

Local governments continue to seek more and more tax levies because they don't get enough support from the state, and voters are hesitant to support them if they're already being taxed enough by the state, she said.

"I understand the need to be cautious and mindful, but quite frankly our local governments cannot continue to take any more hits. They need a break. We can give them a break," she said. "They're being taxed multiple times for the services that they've already paid for."

Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina), however, urged caution despite the good fiscal news.

"I'm not sure that we're at a point yet where we know how likely it is that we'll continue to exceed revenues in the long run," he said.

Sen. Obhof said the improvement - a change from a year ago, when lawmakers were wrestling with what looked like a \$1.1 billion hole in the biennial budget - is driven by increased employment and an improving economy.

"You have tens of thousands of people now paying taxes who weren't at this point a year ago, and I think that's part of what's fueling the increase," he said. "That's great and I hope that continues, but before we make significant long-term decisions, we need to see if we continue in the pattern that we've seen recently."

Sen. Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) said he's had several proposals over the past couple of years for what the state could do with a portion of theBSF. One (SB 154), sponsored with Minority Leader Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Hts.) would use \$200 million for drug treatment programs.

Another proposal (SB 258), would appropriate \$34.2 million for schools to invest in safety programs, he said.

Sen. Schiavoni also said the money could go toward infrastructure improvements focused on improving drinking water quality.

"If we have this money available, I think a meaningful investment into infrastructure rebuilds not just across the lake but down the river to give communities some seed money to update their storm water systems, to make sure we have clean water across the state," he said.

The senator also said money could be used to boost job training programs, further helping the economy by increasing Ohioans' ability to find and hold jobs.

"I think the state can do a favor to its citizens by investing in programs that link business with universities and with people so that we finally have a real pipeline to make sure that we have the skills necessary," he said.

Rep. Cera also reiterated a request he made earlier this week at the Controlling Board, urging the state to help local governments affected by flooding earlier this year meet the matching requirements for disaster relief funds. He said the roughly \$7 million they need is a "rounding error" in the surplus, and a better use than putting it in the rainy day fund. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 11, 2018)

"Ironically that damage was caused by rain," he said.

#### Medicaid Work Requirements Could Affect More Than Expected, Critics Say

Opponents of proposed work requirements for some Medicaid enrollees said Thursday that the proposal could affect many more people than the state indicated in its application.

A report by Policy Matters Ohio estimated more than 300,000 Ohioans could be at risk of losing coverage under the proposed work requirements.

The key difference between PMO's estimate of 300,000 and the state's projection of about 36,000 comes in how the researchers believe recipients with chronic diseases will be treated.

Exemptions for people with serious medical conditions will only work if they are verifiable and consistent county to county, author Amanda Woodrum said. The proposal exempts people who are unable to work because of a serious health condition, but that doesn't apply to all people with a chronic illness and might be difficult to verify, she said.

"We treat as safe only estimates of the number of people who can qualify for exemptions that are both easy to verify and not subject to varying interpretations," such as those who meet unemployment compensation requirements, she said in a conference call with reporters Thursday.

PMO's analysis included breakdowns by county of how many people on Medicaid would be "at risk" of losing care. Not everyone identified as "at risk" would lose coverage, or would necessarily be subject to the requirement, but could be, the group said.

The Department of Medicaid, meanwhile, said its estimates show most counties with 95% or more members of the Group VIII, or expansion, population exempted from the program or working.

In a letter Medicaid Director Barbara Sears sent this week to Ohio's four Democratic U.S. House members, the administration defended the proposal.

"Our Administration agrees with you that it is critically important for Ohio to preserve the benefits of the Medicaid expansion," she wrote. "That is why Governor Kasich vetoed a provision enacted last year by the Ohio General Assembly to freeze enrollment in the expansion and, to sustain that veto, accepted another provision to enact a reasonable work requirement."

PMO and other advocates also raised concerns about a provision that would exempt enrollees in 26 largely rural counties that have high unemployment rates.

The counties exempted are largely white, while large metropolitan counties and municipalities within them were not exempted from the requirements, Ms. Woodrum said.

"These requirements may be illegal," she said. "By design, the county-level exemption amplifies an implicit racial bias."

Wendy Patton, senior project director at PMO, said the state could exempt certain municipalities within larger counties that meet the requirements for an exemption. In Cuyahoga County, for example, Cleveland, Maple Heights and Euclid would be eligible.

Director Sears said in her letter that the county exemption accounts for just 2% of the total exemptions and includes counties with low-income minority Medicaid populations greater than or equal to the state average, including Mahoning, Trumbull and Jefferson.

"While any one exemption may benefit residents of one county or another, it is inappropriate and hasty to conclude the overall policy is unfair without considering the statewide impact across all exemptions," she wrote.

A similar work requirement proposal in Kentucky faces a legal challenge that could see a decision this month, said Graham Bowman, an attorney at the Ohio Poverty Law Center. That challenge, and likely any legal challenge brought against Ohio's proposal, hinges on the assertion that the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services doesn't have the legal authority to grant work requirements in Medicaid through the 1115 waiver process.

"Legal claims are going to really focus on whether or not CMS has the authority to implement these work requirements at all," he said.

Comments at the federal level on the work requirements waiver close Thursday night. PMO and other opponents said another factor that could hinder people from receiving coverage is the difficulty of going through administrative processes.

Workers with inflexible schedules could lose eligibility for Medicaid if they aren't able to get enough hours in a month, Ms. Woodrum said.

"In the end, these new requirements are bad policy and bad for Ohio," she said. "We should be reducing barriers to health care and employment for low-income Ohioans, not adding new ones."

Supporters of the work requirements, meanwhile, praised the plan, but urged the state to go further.

"Ohio's community engagement waiver application is a good start at reforming the state's Medicaid program. It meets the federal government's test of budget neutrality and follows the guidelines on how to utilize waivers to fix our health insurance market," Rea S. Hederman Jr., vice president of policy at The Buckeye Institute, said in a statement.

"The federal government has approved bolder waivers than Ohio's, which shows that the state needs to continue to modernize its Medicaid program to protect recipients and ensure the program's future sustainability."

### Groups Claim ECOT Spent More Than \$500K to Silence Former Employees

Former Electronic Classroom of Tomorrow employees received \$588,000 through severance agreements that included confidentiality and non-disparagement clauses, according to records released by two groups.

Common Cause Ohio and Innovation Ohio on Thursday announced the results of a public records request filed in April for copies of severance agreements containing such clauses and the total cost of such payments made by the now-shuttered e-school. (See [Gongwer Ohio Report, April 30, 2018](#))

Catherine Turcer, executive director of Common Cause Ohio, said her group does not take issue with the payments, which went to 201 former employees in 2017, but the conditions attached to them.

"The problem isn't the severance package," she said. "The problem is the non-disclosure agreement, the non-disparagement agreement."

Stephen Dyer, an educational policy fellow for Innovation Ohio, said such arrangements may be common in some industries, but he views them as outside the norm for an educational institution receiving taxpayer funding.

"What's highly unusual is the idea that, in order to get this money, you can't say anything bad about us," he said, adding that he views the payments as part of a "cover-up attempt."

ECOT closed in January after the State Board of Education voted the previous summer to claw back \$60 million in alleged overpayments to the school. The panel added \$19 million more to the group's debt to the state in February. (See [Gongwer Ohio Report, February 12, 2018](#))

Since ECOT closed, State Auditor [Dave Yost](#) has referred his office's audit of the school for potential criminal prosecution. (See [Gongwer Ohio Report, May 10, 2018](#))

Jeffrey Seidle, an attorney representing ECOT, wrote in a June 8 letter to Innovation Ohio that he disputes the group's claim that the agreements restrict former employees from "impugning" ECOT or its officials. He wrote that while the "agreements contain a standard non-disparagement provision," they do not prevent the former employees from filing a charge with or participating in an investigation led by a government entity.

Mr. Seidle could not be reached for additional comment before deadline.

After reviewing the severance agreements, Mr. Dyer said he had multiple recommendations for the state legislature.

"The real easy solution is to strengthen our whistleblower laws," he said.

Mr. Dyer and Ms. Turcer said they also would advocate for legislation limiting the use of confidentiality or non-disparagement agreements by employers that receive public funding.

"The biggest thing we need is greater transparency so we can root out problems," Ms. Turcer said.

The Ohio Supreme Court has not yet ruled on appeals filed by ECOT claiming the Department of Education and State Board of Education acted improperly in the lead up to the school's closure. (See [Gongwer Ohio Report, April 16, 2018](#))

### DeWine Surrogates Defend Actions On Opioid Crisis While Cordray Makes Hay Out Of Health Care

One day after two separate polls were released showing Richard Cordray besting [Attorney General Mike DeWine](#) in the gubernatorial contest, the Democrat went on the offensive.

The campaign of Mr. DeWine, meanwhile, on Thursday was playing defense, trotting out local officials to tout his handling of the opioid epidemic.

Mr. Cordray has been highly critical of the attorney general's handling of the crisis. He has accused Mr. DeWine of addressing the issue only once he decided to seek the governor's office and contributing to the state's number of overdose deaths.

Montgomery County Sheriff Phil Plummer called the charges "nothing more than political garbage."

"Mike DeWine has worked harder on this issue than anyone else on the state level," he said during a conference call with reporters organized by the Ohio Republican Party.

Mercer County Sheriff Jeff Grey echoed those sentiments.

"The assertion that Mike DeWine has been tardy in dealing with the opioid epidemic is totally false," he said.

A \$21,000 grant from the attorney general's office has allowed for an expansion of a drug prevention program in the six high schools in Mercer County, Sheriff Grey said. He also said the Bureau of Criminal Investigation has been helpful in tackling the epidemic, and he praised Mr. DeWine's willingness to go into small communities to offer help and listen to new ideas.

"He's been a leader in tackling this problem and reaching out to communities large and small," he said.

North Canton Mayor David Held praised AG DeWine for raising awareness about the prescribing habits of health care providers and the social and economic impacts of the epidemic, as well as for taking on pharmaceutical companies for the role they have played.

Ohio Republican Party Chairwoman Jane Timken in a statement also blasted the charges, noting PolitiFact recently found the allegations that Mr. DeWine has been responsible for a spike in opioid overdose deaths to be "mostly false."

"Richard Cordray's baseless attack is a slap in the face to every person affected by the opioid epidemic, and he owes the people of Ohio an apology," she said. "To claim that Mike DeWine has not done all he can to fight the opioid epidemic is flat out wrong."

Mr. Cordray and his running mate, Betty Sutton, held a news conference outside the Statehouse Thursday calling on Mr. DeWine to join 16 other states in defending the constitutionality of a provision in the Affordable Care Act preventing insurance companies from discriminating against people with preexisting conditions. The administration of President Donald Trump recently announced that it would no longer defend the provision.

"We need leaders who will step up and fight when the health and well-being of Ohioans is at stake," he said.

Recent polling found health care to be the second most frequently cited issue by voters when asked about the gubernatorial race. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, June 13, 2018)

Nearly five million Ohioans have a preexisting condition and could lose coverage, according to Mr. Cordray.

One of those individuals is Karen Kostelac, 63, who was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. The Columbus resident said that until recently she has paid for health care out of pocket.

"We can't stand by and let Mr. DeWine and Republicans get rid of the Affordable Care Act," she said.

If the preexisting condition provision is struck down, Mr. Cordray said it would be a blow in the battle to combat the opioid crisis because addiction is considered a preexisting condition.

"It should be unthinkable to allow insurers to duck their obligations to Ohioans," he said.

Ms. Sutton noted that AG DeWine in 2011 joined a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the health care law.

"If it were up to him he would repeal the ACA tomorrow," she said.

Dan Tierney, a spokesman for AG DeWine, said the crux of the case in question revolves around the recently repealed individual mandate in the ACA, which Mr. DeWine does not support. California's motion to intervene, he said, is in support of the law in its totality.

Shortly before Mr. Cordray's event, Ms. Timken in a statement sought to tie Mr. Cordray to national Democrats such as U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders (D-Vt.) and U.S. Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) who support single-payer health care.

"Fixing healthcare is a top priority across the country, but significantly raising taxes on Ohio families to pay for the \$32 trillion plan that Richard Cordray's closest allies are pushing is not the answer," she said.

But Mr. Cordray said single-payer is not in the cards at the state nor national level and he reiterated his support for the law on the books, the ACA.

### Many Ohio Wage Levels Mostly Don't Make Housing Ends Meet, Report Finds

Ohio's recovering economy has yet to result in a majority of the top occupations in the state paying enough to cover basic apartment costs, a new report states.

The "Out of Reach Report" released this week found that only two of the top 10 jobs in Ohio pay employees enough to afford a two-bedroom apartment with costs equivalent to a "housing wage" of \$15.25 per hour.

Only registered nurses and customer service representatives earn more than the two-bedroom housing wage, as those employees on average make \$30.59 an hour and \$15.34 an hour, respectively, according to the study jointly released by the National Low Income Housing Coalition and the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio.

"Ohio's economy is recovering and our state has added new jobs in recent years. But the lack of affordable housing is a real barrier to continued growth when so many people holding these new jobs can't afford a place to live. Just like home is essential for family stability, housing is the foundation of our economy," COHHIO Executive Director Bill Faith said in a statement.

"The affordable housing gap is bad enough for working families, but it's even worse for people with disabilities, homeless veterans, and those struggling to recover from mental illness and addiction issues. That's why we need state and federal leaders to step up and expand access to affordable homes."

The other top jobs in the state and their median hourly wages are: Food Preparation - \$9.40; Retail Salespersons - \$10.41; Cashiers - \$9.33; Laborers/Freight Movers - \$12.66; Waiters/Waitresses - \$9.45; Office Clerks - \$14.42; Janitors/Cleaners - \$11.59; and Stock Clerks - \$11.65.

The report found the average renter in Ohio earns \$13.32 an hour, or about \$2 less than the hourly wage needed to afford a "modest two-bedroom rental unit."

Diane Yentel, president and CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition, said low-wage workers often have to choose between paying for rent, health care, childcare, and other basic necessities. She called proposals by President Donald Trump's administration to cut housing benefits "cruel and shortsighted."

"Rather than threatening the housing stability of families struggling to keep roofs over their heads, Congress must invest in expanding housing solutions that provide stable homes for the lowest income people in our country," she said.

Mr. Faith meanwhile applauded recent news indicating U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Ben Carson has backed away from the administration's plan to raise rents on individuals receiving rental assistance.

"The administration proposed cutting HUD's budget and raising rents to cover the budget hole. Now Secretary Carson is saying never mind," he said. "Given these erratic policy positions, we will keep fighting to make sure HUD maintains its focus on its mission to 'create strong, sustainable, inclusive communities and quality affordable homes for all.'"

DeWine Touts More Labor Support; Sykes Seeks Security Changes; Ohioans Support 'Dreamers'; National Poll Bodes Well For Dems...

Three more labor unions announced their endorsement of Attorney General Mike DeWine in the gubernatorial contest.

The Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters announced the endorsement in a statement saying Mr. DeWine and Secretary of State Jon Husted "have the best experience to continue economic prosperity in Ohio."

"It's all about the opportunity for our members to go to work and provide for their families," council Executive Secretary Mark McGriff said.

Sheet Metal Workers Local 24 and Local 33 also announced its backing of the ticket, with Michael Coleman, president of Local 33, saying it has "a vision to advance the state's workforce development efforts to meet" the needs of every community.

Mr. DeWine also scored an endorsement from the Northwest Ohio Building Trades.

"The construction industry is the life-blood of Ohio's economy, and Mike DeWine and Jon Husted have proven themselves to be the right leaders to move both our industry and the entire state forward," Shaun Enright, representing NWOBTC, said in a release. "Together, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted have been outstanding public servants for our state, and we are confident they have the necessary experience and vision to improve the lives of workers across Ohio."

**Security Changes:** Rep. Emilia Sykes (D-Akron) is calling for changes to security protocols at state buildings after she said she was subjected to additional security on more than one occasion.

In a letter to Director of Public Safety John Born, she said such additional scrutiny must come to an end.

"My objective is simple: to be treated the same as my peers, no matter how I look when entering the Statehouse and other state office buildings, and to ensure that others are also treated fairly and equally as they move through these public buildings," she wrote.

**Dreamer Support:** Polling released Thursday by Quinnipiac University found Ohioans are widely in favor of allowing immigrants brought to America as children to stay in the country and eventually having a path to citizenship.

The poll found Ohioans by a 76-19% margin support protecting so-called Dreamers. The support was broad with majorities of Republicans (60%), Democrats (97%) and Independent (74%) on board.

State residents are also generally supportive of raising tariffs on Chinese products (55-34%). However, support falls (46-46%) when asked about the tariffs increasing the cost of good purchased. By a 50-41% margin Ohioans oppose the tariffs if they result in retaliatory border taxes.

"Despite Ohio's reputation as a blue-collar bastion, Buckeye State voters overall are not supportive of increasing tariffs on steel and aluminum imported into the United States from foreign lands," Peter A. Brown, assistant



director of the Quinnipiac Poll, said in a release. "Ohio voters are more supportive of raising tariffs on goods from China, until they consider the cost to them, and the possibility that raising tariffs could lead to a trade war."

The polls also found Ohioans are generally supportive of keeping the Affordable Care Act (51-44%). The partisan divide, though, is sharp with 91% of Democrats supporting the health care law and the same percentage of Republicans opposing it.

**National Poll:** A new national poll released by Public Policy Polling found that Democrats hold a lead of 46-40% on the generic congressional ballot.

Republicans are not being buoyed by their tax overhaul, with just 31% saying they support it and 38% saying they are opposed to the plan.

The poll also found that 51% of voters believe that it will mostly help the rich.

"Republicans thought tax reform would be the key to keeping 2018 from being a strongly Democratic year," Dean Debnam, president of PPP said in a release. "But so far voters just aren't warming up to it."

Among the other findings in the poll was that 63% of President Donald Trump's voters want Special Counsel Robert Mueller fired; 42% of all respondents believe there was collusion between Russian and the campaign of Mr. Trump; just 20% of voters believe the president has the power to pardon himself; and a large number of voters - 86% - continue to back universal background checks.

The polls also looked ahead the 2020 presidential election and found President Trump trailing six potential challengers: former Vice President Joe Biden and U.S. Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont, Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, Cory Booker of New Jersey, Kirsten Gillibrand of New York and Kamala Harris of California.

**Pence Visit:** While Vice President Mike Pence is in town on Friday to fundraise for the congressional campaign of Sen. Troy Balderson (R-Zanesville) he'll be greeted by what organizers are calling a "Big Gay Dance Party."

"We want to counter that anti-LGBT attitude that they have with a big, positive, loving dance party," Jay Smith, one of the organizers, said in a release.

**Cordray Tour:** Democratic gubernatorial candidate Richard Cordray on Thursday announced an "Economic Opportunity Tour" Friday.

The tour includes stops in Warren, Martins Ferry, Zanesville and Newark.

**RAGA Support:** The Republican Attorneys General Association on Friday announced that it plans to spend at least \$1.4 million in Ohio for the general election.

Executive Director Scott Will in a statement said by placing the reservations now they will lock in a lower price and "ensure RAGA's resources will go even further this fall."

"This is just the first wave, we are not done yet," he added.

Brown, Portman Urge Release Of HHS Water Safety Report; Delegation Responds To North Korea Summit ...

Ohio's U.S. senators are among a group of 10 members of the upper chamber calling on the President Donald Trump's administration to release a Health and Human Services study on what levels of certain toxic chemicals are acceptable in drinking water.

The bipartisan group - led by U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Cleveland) and U.S. Sen. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) - made the request in the wake of a report from POLITICO that the EPA moved to prevent the release of an HHS study of toxic chemicals used in manufacturing processes known as per- and polyfluoroalkyl

substances, or PFAS. The substances, which have been found in communities' water supplies in multiple states, have been linked to cancer and other health problems.

The senators wrote a letter to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and HHS Secretary Alex Azar requesting the report be released and the EPA update its regulations based on the information the study contains.

"The EPA and other regulatory agencies must rely on the most up-to-date, factually-accurate information based on rigorous science to guide policy decisions and regulations designed to protect the health and well-being of our constituents. Given the wide use of PFAS and presence of these chemicals in communities across the U.S., it is critical that this report be released without delay and that EPA act immediately to update its guidelines to ensure Americans are informed of and protected from the danger of exposure to these toxins," the group wrote.

**Summit:** President Trump received praise from Ohio's Republican congressmen for his handling of this week's meeting with North Korean dictator Kim Jong-Un in Singapore.

U.S. Rep. Steve Stivers (R-Columbus) in a statement called the summit a "positive step forward" toward the goal of denuclearization.

"I look forward to reviewing the details and Congress receiving the opportunity to approve any agreement that may come," he said. "While it may take time, work, and a number of meetings, I am hopeful these negotiations will lead to a lasting peace and stability in the region."

U.S. Rep. Bill Johnson (R-Marietta) said he applauded the president and his staff for their work on confronting "the real and growing North Korean nuclear threat."

"The strategy used by previous administrations, both Republican and Democratic, clearly did not work, and it was time for a new approach," he said. "I'm hopeful that real progress was made in Singapore - the past does not have to dictate the future. And, I am heartened to see that President Trump will be keeping the strict sanctions in place on North Korea until the actions of Kim Jong-Un match his words."

While he said he recognizes the importance of diplomacy, U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan (D-Niles) added it should be undertaken with the support of allies.

"Regrettably, it seems that we have nothing today to show for our efforts other than a toothless statement and the same promises that the North Korean regime has already given and broken many times over to previous presidents," he said. "On the other side, the North Koreans were given legitimacy on the world stage, and a compulsive assurance from President Trump that the U.S. would suspend joint military exercises with South Korea."

**Opioids:** The U.S. House this week passed a resolution sponsored by U.S. Rep. Bob Latta (R-Bowling Green) that creates a database containing information health care workers, law enforcement officers and government officials can use to combat the opioid epidemic.

"Every day, more than 115 Americans will die because of an overdose," Rep. Latta said. "While this crisis continues to devastate communities, there is still a lack of information that is making it difficult to create strategies that can effectively address this epidemic."

Rep. Latta said the measure also will create a system to track federal funding being put toward battling the problem.

In other House activity related to the crisis, the chamber passed the Training, Education and Community Help to Combat Addiction Act, which was introduced by Rep. Johnson and Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY). The measure creates a competitive process for designating institutions as "Centers of Excellence in Substance Use Disorder Education."

"The TEACH to Combat Addiction Act advances an all-hands-on-deck approach to the opioid crisis by leveraging the expertise of health care professional institutions with community partnerships to develop scalable models for integrating (substance-use disorder) prevention, treatment, and recovery more fully into professional education," he said.

Bipartisan legislation introduced by Rep. Stivers requiring the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to provide guidance promoting evidence-based treatments to institutions that receive federal grants also passed the House.

"In Ohio and across the country, opioids have derailed careers, broken friendships, separated families, and taken lives. Those who have sought treatment have already taken a tremendous step in the right direction, and we owe it to them to help them get their lives back," Rep. Stivers said. "(Tuesday), the House took an important step forward in ensuring people are receiving evidence-based treatment for drug addiction."

**Immigration:** Rep. Ryan urged the federal government to respect the due process rights of 114 workers detained recently following raids by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement in Castalia and Sandusky.

In a [letter](#) to Secretary of Homeland Security Kristjen Nielsen, Rep. Ryan asked for assurance that none of the individuals would be deported without access to an attorney in an immigration court.

"I'm deeply concerned about the use of aggressive force and disruptive manner in which ICE forcibly detained 114 individuals," he wrote. "No person should be deported without full due process or separated from their children and families."

#### Governor's Appointments

**New Americans Advisory Committee:** Mo M. Dioun of New Albany (Franklin Co.) for a term beginning June 14 and ending May 14, 2019; George Charchar of Sylvania (Lucas Co.), Sudarshan Pyakurel of Columbus (Franklin Co.), and Maria Elena Galindo of Strongsville (Cuyahoga Co.) for terms beginning June 14; Guisselle Mendoza McDonald of Toledo (Lucas Co.), Yonathan M. Kebede of Dayton (Montgomery Co.), Nadir Abdi of Columbus (Franklin Co.), and Nadia Kasvin of Bexley (Franklin Co.) for terms beginning June 14 and ending May 14, 2021.

#### Supplemental Agency Calendar


### Thursday, June 21

**Power Siting Board, Rm. 11B, 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, 1:30 p.m.**

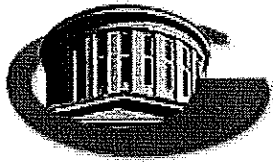
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## Senate Activity for Thursday, June 14, 2018

### INTRODUCED

**SB 310 NON-OPIOID THERAPY** (Tavares, C.) To establish procedures for using non-opioid directives, to require prescribers to inform patients about non-opioid therapies, and to require health insurers to cover non-opioid therapies for treating pain. Am. 1739.05, 4715.30, 4723.28, 4723.481, 4730.25, 4730.41, 4731.052, and 4731.22 and to enact sections 1751.76, 3702.41, 3702.411, 3702.412, 3702.413, 3702.414, 3702.415, 3702.416, 3719.063, 3923.86, 4723.53, 4730.57, and 4731.84.


**SCRTITLE X FUNDING** (Thomas, C., Tavares, C.) To express opposition to proposed changes in federal regulations governing the Title X National Family Planning Program and to declare support for access to all legal family planning services and related counseling.

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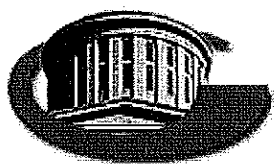
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Legislative Committee Schedules beginning 6/15/2018

**Tuesday, June 19**

**Senate Rules & Reference** (*Committee Record*) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

**House Rules & Reference** (*Committee Record*) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-3357), Rm. 119, 11:30 a.m.

**House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor** (*Committee Record*) (Chr. Young, R., 644-6074), Rm. 113, 1:30 p.m.

**HB WAGE INFORMATION** (West, T.) To prohibit a state agency from preventing an employee from **385** discussing the employee's own wages or another employee's wages, to prohibit a state agency from seeking a prospective employee's wage or salary history, to prohibit retaliation against an employee who discusses wages or opposes a prohibited act or practice, and to create the Wage Disparity Study Committee. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB MINOR WORKERS** (Perales, R., Romanchuk, M.) Regarding hazardous occupations prohibited for **551** minors and providing training to certain minors employed in a construction or manufacturing occupation. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HB AUXILIARY CONTAINERS** (Lang, G., Lipps, S.) To authorize a person to use an auxiliary container for **625** any purpose, to prohibit a municipal corporation, charter county, or limited home rule township from imposing a tax or fee on auxiliary containers, and to clarify that the existing anti-littering law applies to auxiliary containers. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**HCR GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS** (Riedel, C., Holmes, G.) To urge Congress to propose the Regulation **24** Freedom Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

**Senate Finance** (*Committee Record*) (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m.

**SB LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING** (Tavares, C.) To increase monthly allocations to the Local **17** Government Fund from 1.66% to 3.68% of the total tax revenue credited to the General Revenue Fund each month. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB WORKFORCE PROGRAMS** (Schiavoni, J.) To create the Public-Private Partnership Grant Program for **140** fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to develop, enhance, and promote educational programs to address regional workforce needs; to create the Sector Partnership Grant Program for fiscal years 2018 and 2019 to identify and provide grants to industry partnerships; to support programs that improve access to workforce training opportunities for students; to support economic development and revitalization programs; and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB ECONOMIC PROGRAMS** (Schiavoni, J.) To enhance economic and employment opportunities and **213** improve local infrastructure in Ohio by providing additional assistance to workforce development and employment programs; establishing a revolving loan program for small businesses seeking to expand operations; extending job tax credits to smaller businesses; enabling expanded participation in public sector contracting by smaller companies; enhancing support for child care centers; funding additional local infrastructure and public transit; authorizing tax incentives for hiring military veterans, for donating money to local programs assisting distressed communities, or for improving distressed property; exempting the homes of disabled veterans from property taxation; terminating the income tax deduction and reduced tax rate for business income; and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB BROADBAND EXPANSION** (Carfagna, R.) To establish the residential broadband expansion program within the Development Services Agency to award matching grants for last mile broadband expansion in municipal corporations and townships and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**H BLENDING LAWS** (Koehler, K., Ashford, M.) To modify the Short-Term Loan Act, to specify a minimum duration requirement for loans made under the Small Loan Law and Mortgage Loan Law, and to limit the authority of credit services organizations to broker extensions of credit for buyers. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Pending referral)

**H B PYRAMID SCHEMES** (Pelanda, D.) To modify the law governing pyramid promotional schemes. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**House Education & Career Readiness** (Committee Record) (Chr. Brenner, A., 644-6711), Rm. 121, 4 p.m.

**SB STUDENT REMOVAL** (Lehner, P., Manning, G.) To enact the "SAFE Act" to revise the procedures for emergency removal of a student, to prohibit certain suspensions and expulsions of students in grades pre-kindergarten through three, to require each public school to implement a positive behavior intervention and supports framework in accordance with state standards, and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB SCHOOL REGULATIONS** (Huffman, M.) To enact the "Ohio Public School Deregulation Act" regarding the administration of preschool and primary and secondary education programs. (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

**H B SCHOOL SAFETY STANDARDS** (Rogers, J., Perales, R.) To require the State Board of Education to adopt rules prescribing standards for safety enhancements to new public and nonpublic school facilities and to require the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to revise its construction and design standards to comply with the State Board's standards. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**H B SCHOOL BUSES** (Barnes, J.) To require all passenger seats on school buses to be equipped with occupant restraining devices beginning on July 1, 2019, and to designate "Safe School Week." (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**H B SCHOOL PROPERTY** (Ingram, C.) To eliminate the right of first refusal for community schools, college-preparatory boarding schools, and science, technology, engineering, and mathematics schools in the acquisition of school district real property. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

## Wednesday, June 20

**House Insurance** (Committee Record) (Chr. Brinkman, T., 644-6886), Rm. 116, 10 a.m.

**H B DEATH BENEFITS** (Hughes, J.) To revise the payments that surviving family members receive from the Ohio Public Safety Officers Death Benefit Fund and to permit surviving spouses and children to participate in the health, dental, and vision benefits offered to state employees as if the survivors were employees of this state. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**House Session** (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

**House Community & Family Advancement** (Committee Record) (Chr. Ginter, T., 466-8022), Rm. 114, 3 p.m. or after session

**H B CHILD CUSTODY** (Brinkman, T., Zeltwanger, P.) To prohibit a court from using a parent, guardian, or custodian's refusal to allow a child to undergo gender-based treatment as a basis for determining custody of the child. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**H B ELDER ABUSE REPORTS** (Carfagna, R.) Regarding communication with persons who make reports of abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the elderly. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**H B UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS** (Barnes, J.) To prohibit a claimant's unemployment benefits from being reduced during any week that the claimant receives compensation for participating in a qualifying training course. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**H B COMMUNITY OUTREACH** (Barnes, J.) To create the community outreach grant program fund and to fund it temporarily with amounts diverted from the reparations fund. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HBPREGNANCY RESTRAINTS** (Antonio, N.) To generally prohibit a law enforcement, court, or corrections official from restraining a pregnant woman or child who is a charged or adjudicated criminal offender or delinquent child at any time during her third trimester of pregnancy or during transport to a hospital, during labor, or during delivery and from restraining such a woman or child who was pregnant during any period of postpartum recovery. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HBSIBLING VISITATION** (LaTourette, S., Boyd, J.) To create sibling visitation rights, to make changes to the law regarding sibling placement by a court or agency and sibling relationships when parental rights are terminated, and to extend the sibling relationship beyond adoption. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

## Wednesday, June 27

**Senate Rules & Reference** (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-7505), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.

- If needed

**House Session** (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.


**Senate Session** (Committee Record) (Chr. Obhof, L., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

- If needed

## Thursday, June 28

**Joint Ohio College Affordability Committee** (Chr. Wilson, S., 466-9739), Senate Finance Hearing Rm., 10 a.m.

- Overview of strategies for preserving and improving the affordability of a college education in Ohio by the Ohio Association of Community Colleges and the Inter-University Council of Ohio

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## Daily Activity Planner for Friday, June 15

### Legislative Committees

No legislative committees scheduled.

### Agency Calendar

No agency meetings scheduled.

### Event Planner

### Deadline to file post-primary campaign finance reports

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## Fwd: Ohio Senate prepares changes to controversial payday-lending bill

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# Capitol Letter

Laura Hancock and Jeremy Pelzer



## Rotunda Rumbblings

**Payday lending rewrite?** High-profile legislation to toughen Ohio's payday-lending rules may soon get a tweak in the Ohio Senate.

Cleveland.com's Laura Hancock writes that Sen. Matt Huffman is working on an amendment that would raise the limit of how much Ohioans could borrow, create a database of loans, and allow people to pause repayments for a time. The Senate Finance Committee is set to start hearings Tuesday on the legislation, House Bill 123.

**Money matters:** The latest round of Ohio campaign-finance reports is in, and they show Republican gubernatorial nominee Mike DeWine with a \$4.6 million cash advantage over Democratic rival Richard Cordray.

Cleveland.com's Rich Exner has all the details – including that more than a quarter of what Cordray raised came from the Ohio Democratic Party.

**Downticket fundraising:** In other statewide races, though, Democrats are hanging tougher when it comes to money. As cleveland.com's Jackie Borchardt writes, Kathleen Clyde and Rob Richardson, the Democratic

nominees for secretary of state and state treasurer, respectively, have a financial lead over their GOP opponents. Republicans Dave Yost and Keith Faber, who are respectively running for attorney general and state auditor, have more money on hand than their Democratic rivals, though only by about \$100,000 apiece.

**Cash advantage:** The Ohio House and Senate Republican caucuses head into the summer continuing to have an enormous financial lead over their Democratic counterparts. The Senate GOP's campaign arm reported having almost \$3.6 million on hand, dwarfing the Senate Democrats' \$20,630. OHROC, the House GOP's campaign arm, has nearly \$3.2 million in the bank, compared to the House Democrats' \$558,521. House Dems did raise more than \$131,000 between April 27 and June 15 – more than the \$85,000 or so OHROC took in between May 3 and June 8.

**Householder help:** It literally pays for legislative Republican candidates to be aligned with Rep. Larry Householder, who's seeking to become Ohio House speaker next session. As the Columbus Dispatch's Jim Siegel found, House District 98 GOP nominee Brett Hillyer has raised \$146,000 in the last three months, thanks to hefty donations from Householder allies such as Reps. Jay Edwards and Jonathan Dever, as well as the Summit County Republican Party. Other pro-Householder candidates got lucrative contributions from trade unions, the coal and power industries, and Householder himself.

**Held back:** "A bill pushed by Gov. John Kasich to put the Ohio Department of Education under the governor's direct control has been shelved," Siegel writes. House Bill 512 sought to merge Ohio's state's K-12, university and workforce development systems into a single department. But "There was too much opposition to move forward with it," said Rep. Bill Blessing, who chairs the committee that has been hearing the bill.

**Seitz cleared of harassment claims:** Following a \$12,000 independent investigation, Ohio House Majority Floor Leader Bill Seitz has been cleared of claims of sexual harassment, the Associated Press reports. But the twist is that the probe was conducted by a law firm that the Cincinnati

Republican worked at for 36 years. Seitz and Attorney General Mike DeWine's office say that fact had nothing to do with the findings of the investigation, which was launched after a female House employee complained about statements Seitz made at a staff going-away party in January.

**Steady jobs:** Ohio's unemployment rate last month held steady at 4.3 percent – the same as it was in April, and 0.8 percent lower than in May of 2017, according to the AP. But it's still higher than the national unemployment rate, which fell to 3.8 percent in May.

**Kasich boasts:** Kasich responded to the jobs report by tweeting, "Ohio is now creating jobs 48 percent faster than the national rate since the start of the year." As Exner explains, the governor is right on the major point, though (as usual) there are a variety of ways to look at Ohio's jobs numbers – some of which aren't as impressive as Kasich makes it sound.

**Pence cheers, others jeer:** Vice President Mike Pence, along with DeWine, U.S. Sen. Rob Portman, and other Ohio Republican congressmen, held a pep rally in Columbus on Friday to trumpet the recently passed GOP tax overhaul. But as cleveland.com's Jeremy Pelzer reports, Pence's visit attracted a number of protesters – both inside the event and outside at a "Big LGBTQ Dance Party."

**About that dance party...** The idea for it originated in a Facebook conversation involving Tom Grote, the son of the founder of Donato's Pizza and the husband of 15th Congressional District Democratic nominee Rick Neal, a Neal campaign spokesman confirmed. Other participants in the conversation: Columbus activists Jay Smith and Brad Henry.

**New pharmacy contract:** "The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation is dumping its pharmacy benefits manager of more than a decade and hiring a new one after discovering the bureau was overcharged millions for prescription drugs," reports the Dispatch's Catherine Candisky. "The bureau will contract with the Nashville-based Change Healthcare to manage its pharmaceutical program for injured workers starting Nov. 1,

replacing Optum RX.”

**Dever passed over for CFPB chief:** President Donald Trump plans to nominate Kathy Kraninger, associate director of the Office of Management and Budget, to lead the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, according to Glenn Thrush of the New York Times. State Rep. Jonathan Dever, a Cincinnati-area Republican, had also been talked about as a possible choice for director of the CFPB, which was previously headed by Cordray.

**Poor Bill:** How poor was U.S. Rep. Bill Johnson growing up? “We were so poor, we had to put more O’s in the word,” the Marietta Republican quipped during the latest episode of “Ohio Matters,” cleveland.com’s political podcast. Johnson also talked about his book on fatherhood, Southeast Ohio’s increasing support for Republicans, and his talk with President Donald Trump about decriminalizing all drug use.

**In the money:** Several Ohio pension funds, hospital systems and universities could qualify for part of a \$100 million settlement that DeWine and 41 other state attorneys general reached with Citibank, according to a statement from his office. Citibank is accused of fraudulent conduct involving the London interbank offered rate, or Libor, a key interest rate with widespread impact on global markets.

## Five Questions

Cassimir Svigelj is a Democrat challenging Rep. Dave Greenspan in House District 16. Svigelj, 26, has lived in Rocky River for the past three years. He’s engaged and will marry his fiancée next month. He was preparing to apply to law school but put his plans on hold to run for the Ohio House.

### *1. You’re new to politics. Why are you running?*

“This district has been controlled by the Republicans for over 10 years. Over the last 10 years we’ve lagged behind the nation in job growth. We’re the worst for student debt.”

*2. How would you evaluate the job Rep. Greenspan is doing?*

"He got elected on the promise of bipartisanship. And I don't think he's lived up to those standards. He's certainly gone along with the far-right bills that have been down there, specifically the guns-for-paramedics bill... the ban on abortions after it's discovered the baby has Down syndrome, and then the stripping away of renewable energy requirements."

*3. What are you doing to campaign?*

"It's the summer -- festivals and going to all these events. And then we're planning on having a pretty aggressive door-to-door campaign starting in August."

*4. As you've talked to people, what have they said are the important issues in House District 16?*

"We did a Q & A session in Fairview [Park] on the 7th. People are really distraught about the amount of money that is being taken out of our school districts and going over to charter schools. Especially because Rocky River, Bay Village, Westlake, North Olmsted, Fairview [Park] have some of the state's best schools."

*5. Do you have any talents that people don't really know about?*

"I am a pretty good freestyle rapper. I grew up in a biracial family, so my younger brothers and I would go downstairs and mix beats and rap back and forth with one another."

## **On The Move**

Nikki Reiss, of counsel to the Columbus-based law firm Carpenter Lipps and Leland LLP, has been hired as policy director for Democrat Richard Cordray's gubernatorial campaign.

Sam Lindsley is the new chairman of the Ohio Restaurant Association. For

10 years, Lindsley was CEO of Cleveland-based Michael Symon Restaurants, which has 18 restaurants and \$35 million in annual sales.

## Birthdays

Rep. Michael O'Brien

Rep. Gary Scherer

## Straight From The Source

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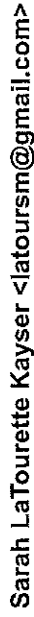
- David Clarke, former sheriff of Milwaukee County, speaking about Gov. John Kasich, a frequent critic of President Donald Trump. Clarke made the comment during a forum in Columbus on Friday featuring Vice President Mike Pence.

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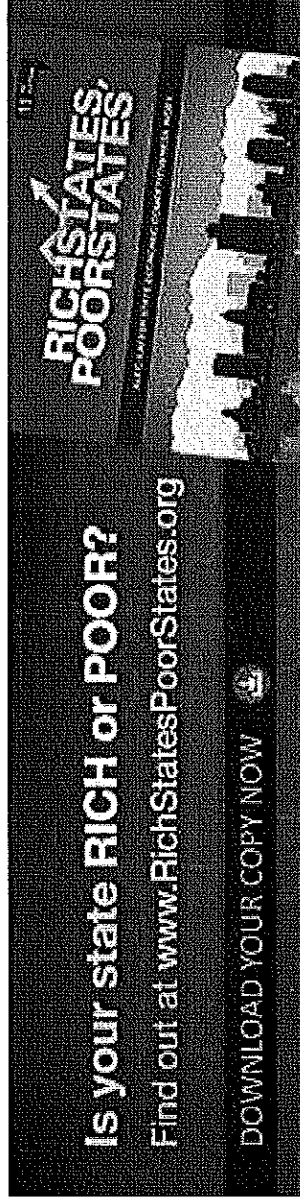
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A Supreme Court decision is expected soon in the *South Dakota v. Wayfair* case before the U.S. Supreme Court, which is concerned with the collection of Sales Tax from online retailers. ALEC has produced a number of resources to educate lawmakers and policy leaders on the nuance of this issue, including a **State Factor Report**, an **Amicus Brief**, and new





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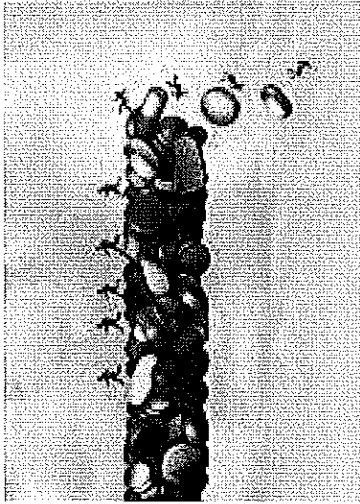
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**On Opioids, Congress Can Learn from the States**  
Rep. John Nygren | WI-89 | *Washington Examiner*

"While no one denies the criminal component of illegal opioid use, legislators must address the opioid epidemic in the



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### *Janus v. AFSCME*: "Let Me Out"

Michael Slabinski and Ben Moulton | Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development



An upcoming U.S. Supreme Court decision, *Janus v. AFSCME*, will once again put the issue of union fees, as a condition of employment, back on the table. If Mark Janus wins his case against the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, millions of government workers across the country will no longer be forced to pay union dues that violate their First Amendment right.

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## HOUSE ACTIVITY REPORT

### INTRODUCED AND REFERRED



**ONLINE SCHOOLS (Reineke, B., Faber, K.)**  
With regard to the operation of internet- and computer-based community schools and to require the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review to review the Department of Education's manual on full-time equivalency student enrollment reporting.  
House Education & Career Readiness

### INTRODUCED

HB 706

**LICENSE PLATE (Reineke, B.)**

To create the "Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police" license plate.

**CALENDAR FOR COMING SESSION**

SB 4

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING (Kunze, S., Oelslager, S.)**

To allow a person who is found not guilty of an offense or who is the defendant named in a dismissed criminal charge to apply for a court order to expunge the person's official records in the case if the charge or not guilty finding was the result of the applicant having been a human trafficking victim, to allow a person convicted of certain prostitution-related offenses to apply for the expungement of the conviction record of any offense, other than a specified disqualifying offense, the person's participation in which was a result of having been a human trafficking victim, and to allow intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution.

Wednesday, June 20

SB 86

**DAY DESIGNATION (Hackett, B.)**

To designate the twenty-fifth day of May as "Ohio National Missing Children's Day."

Wednesday, June 20

SB 257

**SPORTING LICENSURE (Uecker, J., O'Brien, S.)**

To make changes to the laws governing hunting and fishing.

Wednesday, June 20

HB 58

**CURSIVE HANDWRITING (Brenner, A., Slaby, M.)**  
To require instruction in cursive handwriting.  
Wednesday, June 20

HB 139

**PUBLIC DISCLOSURE (Perales, R., Keller, C.)**  
To eliminate the public disclosure exemption for any permanently retained record 100 years after the date of its creation.  
Wednesday, June 20

HB 231

**CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES (Ginter, T., Sprague, R.)**  
To require pharmacists to offer to dispense controlled substances in lockable or tamper-evident containers.  
Wednesday, June 20

HB 296

**DRUG OFFENSES (Gavarone, T.)**  
To enhance penalties for certain drug offenses committed in the vicinity of a community addiction services provider.  
Wednesday, June 20

HB 342

**TAX LEVIES (Merrin, D.)**  
To permit local tax-related proposals to appear only on general and primary election ballots and not on an August special election ballot and to modify the information conveyed in election notices and ballot language for property tax levies.  
Wednesday, June 20

HB 361

**TAX COMPLAINTS (Greenspan, D.)**  
To increase the time within which boards of revision must decide property tax complaints.  
Wednesday, June 20

HB 365

**PAROLE MONITORING (Hughes, J., Boggs, K.)**  
To provide for indefinite prison terms for first or second degree felonies and specified third degree felonies, with presumptive release of offenders sentenced to such a term at the end of the minimum term; to generally allow the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to reduce the minimum term for exceptional conduct or adjustment to incarceration; to allow the Department to rebut the release presumption and keep the offender in prison up to the maximum term if it makes specified findings; to require the Department to establish a reentry program for all offenders released from prison who it intends to have reside in a halfway house or similar facility but who are not accepted by any such facility; to require the Adult Parole Authority to establish maximum work-load and case-load standards for its parole and field officers and have enough trained officers to comply with the standards; to require that GPS monitoring used for offenders released from prison under such monitoring specify restrictions, including inclusionary zones and necessary exclusionary zones; to require the Department to establish system requirements for GPS monitoring of such offenders by the Department or third-party contract administrators; to require the Department to operate a statewide database for law enforcement use containing specified information about such offenders; to require that third-party administrators for GPS monitoring under a new contract with the Department provide and use a law enforcement-accessible crime scene correlation program; and to name the act's provisions the Reagan

**Tokes Act.****Wednesday, June 20****HB 383****CHILD CARE (Carfagna, R.)**

Regarding parental notice of serious risks to the health or safety of children receiving child care.

**Wednesday, June 20****HB 402****TELEPHONE REGULATION (Hill, B.)**

To revise state regulation of telephone companies.

**Wednesday, June 20****HB 406****ADDRESS RECORDS (Lanese, L.)**

To include forensic evaluation examiners and mental health evaluation providers as individuals whose residential and familial information is exempt from disclosure under the Public Records Law, and whose addresses public offices, upon request, must redact from records available to the general public on the internet.

**Wednesday, June 20****HB 454****CEMETERY LOTS (Patterson, J., Arndt, S.)**

To require a township to compensate the owner of certain unused cemetery lots and rights which the township reenters after lack of response from the owner.

**Wednesday, June 20****HB 477****SCHOOL OPERATIONS (Koehler, K.)**

To eliminate various provisions and programs related to the Department of Education and the operation of primary and secondary schools.

**Wednesday, June 20**



HB 494

**FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS (Antani, N.)**

To specify that a franchisor is not the employer of a franchisee or employee of a franchisee for purposes of the Minimum Fair Wage Standards Law, the Bimonthly Pay Law, the Workers' Compensation Law, the Unemployment Compensation Law, and the Income Tax Law.  
Wednesday, June 20

HB 513

**HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION (Brenner, A., Ginter, T.)**

To enhance the homestead exemption for surviving spouses of peace officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel killed in the line of duty.  
Wednesday, June 20

HB 522

**LIQUOR PERMITTING (Lanese, L.)**

To allow an outdoor refreshment area to include F liquor permit holders.  
Wednesday, June 20

HB 531

**SPORTS GRANTS (Schuring, K., Greenspan, D.)**

To remove limitations on the amount of sports events grants that may be awarded in a fiscal year or for a specific grant, and to fund the grant program by diverting state sales tax receipts to a custodial fund administered by the Director of Development Services.  
Wednesday, June 20

HB 541

**VOLUNTEER HEALTH SERVICES (Patterson, J., LaTourette, S.)**

To authorize health professionals licensed in other states to provide volunteer health services during charitable events.  
Wednesday, June 20

**HB 548****MOTORCYCLE OPERATION (McClain, R.)**

To permit a person to wear earplugs for hearing protection while operating a motorcycle.

Wednesday, June 20

**HB 552****ANIMAL TREATMENT (LaTourette, S.)**

To establish requirements governing the chemical capture of animals, prohibit the use of gas chambers when euthanizing an animal, and to make changes to the law governing euthanasia of an animal by lethal injection.

Wednesday, June 20

**REFERRED****Community & Family Advancement****HB 704****UNEMPLOYMENT DRUG TESTING (Schaffer, T.)**

To require applicants for unemployment benefits to submit to a drug test under certain circumstances, to require the Director of Job and Family Services to operate an Ohio Works First drug testing pilot program, and to make an appropriation.

**Economic Development, Commerce & Labor****SB 182****OUTDOOR DINING (Coley, B.)**

To generally allow an owner, keeper, or harborer of a dog to take the dog in an outdoor dining area of a retail food establishment or food service operation.

## Federalism &amp; Interstate Relations

HB 703

**CONCEALED HANDGUNS (Becker, J.)**

To enact the "Decriminalization Effort For Ending Notorious Deaths -- Teachers With Options (DEFEND-TWO)" to allow a concealed handgun licensee or qualified military member to carry a concealed handgun in certain public premises, to reduce the penalty for a concealed handgun licensee who carries a concealed handgun in a prohibited place, and to prohibit public employers and universities from disciplining employees or students who lawfully carry a concealed handgun on the premises.

## Finance

SB 296

**LAW ENFORCEMENT BENEFITS (LaRose, F., Hottinger, J.)**

To revise the payments that surviving family members receive from the Ohio Public Safety Officers Death Benefit Fund and to permit surviving spouses and children to participate in the health, dental, and vision benefits offered to state employees as if the survivors were employees of this state.

SB 299

**WATER IMPROVEMENTS (Gardner, R., O'Brien, S.)**

To allow equipment for the protection and preservation of Lake Erie to be purchased with proceeds from the Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund, and to appropriate funds for projects enhancing water quality in the Western Lake Erie Basin.

**HB 702****ESC GRANTS (Manning, N.)**

To make an appropriation for grants to support the employment of social workers at educational service centers.

**Government Accountability & Oversight****SB 263****NOTARY PUBLIC (Huffman, M., Wilson, S.)**

To enact the Notary Public Modernization Act.

**HB 705****SCHOOL TREASURER LIABILITY (Hambley, S., Ingram, C.)**

Regarding the circumstances in which school district and educational service center treasurers may be held liable for a loss of public funds.

**Health****HB 701****DRUG USES (Huffman, S.)**

Regarding the promotion of drugs and devices for off-label uses.

**HOUSE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS****FINANCE COMMITTEE: APPOINT REP. LIPPS AS VICE CHAIR**

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### Legislative Committees

**House Health** (*Committee Record*) (Chr. Huffman, S., 466-8114), Rm. 121, 9 a.m.

**HB TELEHEALTH COMMISSION** (West, T.) To establish the Ohio Telehealth Commission. (1st Hearing-617 Sponsor)

**HB DIRECTIVE FORMS** (West, T.) To require the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to 618 develop a non-opioid directive form. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB OPIOID MEDICATIONS** (Edwards, J.) Regarding addiction treatment and opioid prescribing by 167 physicians and dentists. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute)

**HB PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY** (Seitz, B., Gavarone, T.) To authorize certain psychologists to prescribe 326 psychotropic and other drugs for the treatment of drug addiction and mental illness. (5th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

**HB MEDICAID COVERAGE** (Anielski, M., Kick, D.) To require Ohio's Medicaid program to cover white 587 canes for blind or visually impaired recipients. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**House Government Accountability & Oversight** (*Committee Record*) (Chr. Blessing, L., 466-9091), Rm. 114, 9:30 a.m.

**SB NOTARY PUBLIC** (Huffman, M., Wilson, S.) To enact the Notary Public Modernization Act. (1st Hearing-263 Sponsor-Pending referral)

**HB CHILD ABUSE REGISTRY** (Perales, R.) To establish and maintain a publicly accessible child abuse 612 registry containing information on offenders who commit certain offenses against minors under 14 years of age and to name the act Jacob's Law. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB VISITORS BUREAUS** (Peterson, B.) To authorize local elected officers that have levied a hotel lodging 252 excise tax, or a designee of such officers to simultaneously hold the position of officer or member of the board of trustees of a convention and visitors' bureau without constituting incompatible offices. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB THEFT IN OFFICE** (Wilson, S.) To expand the increased penalties for theft in office based on the amount 268 of property or services stolen and to include as restitution certain audit costs of the entity that suffered the loss involved in the offense. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB CYBERSECURITY** (Hackett, B., Bacon, K.) To provide a legal safe harbor to covered entities that 220 implement a specified cybersecurity program. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**SB AGENCY RULEMAKING** (Uecker, J.) To reform agency rule-making and legislative review thereof. (2nd 221 Hearing-Proponent)

**House Insurance** (*Committee Record*) (Chr. Brinkman, T., 644-6886), Rm. 116, 10 a.m.

**HB DEATH BENEFITS** (Hughes, J.) To revise the payments that surviving family members receive from the

**621** Ohio Public Safety Officers Death Benefit Fund and to permit surviving spouses and children to participate in the health, dental, and vision benefits offered to state employees as if the survivors were employees of this state. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

**House Transportation & Public Safety** (Committee Record) (Chr. Green, D., 644-6034), Rm. 017, 10 a.m.

**HB ROAD NAMING** (Stein, D.) To designate a portion of State Route 99 in Huron County as the "Lance **634** Corporal James Sprowl Memorial Highway." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB LICENSE PLATE** (Brown, R., Lipps, S.) To create the "Zero" license plate to benefit the nonprofit Zero, **570** the End of Prostate Cancer. (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB ROAD NAMING** (Hoops, J.) To designate the portion of U.S. Route 24 in Henry County as the "Henry **573** County Veterans Highway." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB BRIDGE NAMING** (Rogers, J.) To designate the bridge spanning the Grand River that is a part of Fairport **687** Road, in Lake County, as the "Col. Donald Blakeslee Memorial Bridge." (1st Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

**HB LICENSE PLATE** (Ramos, D.) To create a school license plate program. (1st Hearing-Sponsor) **635**

**House Finance** (Committee Record) (Chr. Ryan, S., 466-1482), Rm. 313, 11 a.m.

**SB WATER IMPROVEMENTS** (Gardner, R., O'Brien, S.) To allow equipment for the protection and **299** preservation of Lake Erie to be purchased with proceeds from the Parks and Recreation Improvement Fund, and to appropriate funds for projects enhancing water quality in the Western Lake Erie Basin. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Pending referral)

**House Session** (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-3357), House Chamber, 1:30 p.m.

**Senate Energy & Natural Resources** (Committee Record) (Chr. Balderson, T., 466-8076), Finance Hearing Rm., 2:30 p.m.

**HB RENEWABLE ENERGY** (Blessing, L.) To revise the provisions governing renewable energy, energy **114** efficiency, and peak demand reduction and to alter funding allocations under the Home Energy Assistance Program. (7th Hearing-Opponent & Interested party)

**House Community & Family Advancement** (Committee Record) (Chr. Ginter, T., 466-8022), Rm. 114, 3 p.m. or after session

**HB CHILD CUSTODY** (Brinkman, T., Zeltwanger, P.) To prohibit a court from using a parent, guardian, or **658** custodian's refusal to allow a child to undergo gender-based treatment as a basis for determining custody of the child. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB ELDER ABUSE REPORTS** (Carfagna, R.) Regarding communication with persons who make reports of **700** abuse, neglect, or exploitation of the elderly. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS** (Barnes, J.) To prohibit a claimant's unemployment benefits from being **679** reduced during any week that the claimant receives compensation for participating in a qualifying training course. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB COMMUNITY OUTREACH** (Barnes, J.) To create the community outreach grant program fund and to **681** fund it temporarily with amounts diverted from the reparations fund. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HB PREGNANCY RESTRAINTS** (Antonio, N.) To generally prohibit a law enforcement, court, or corrections **688** official from restraining a pregnant woman or child who is a charged or adjudicated criminal offender or delinquent child at any time during her third trimester of pregnancy or during transport to a hospital, during labor, or during delivery and from restraining such a woman or child who was pregnant during any period of postpartum recovery. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

**HBSIBLING VISITATION** (LaTourette, S., Boyd, J.) To create sibling visitation rights, to make changes to the **448** law regarding sibling placement by a court or agency and sibling relationships when parental rights are terminated, and to extend the sibling relationship beyond adoption. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)  
Agency Calendar

**Casino Control Commission**, 30 E. Broad St., Lobby Hearing Rm., Columbus, 10 a.m.

**State Personnel Board of Review**, 12th Fl., 65 E. State St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

**School Employees Retirement System**, 300 E. Broad St., Columbus, 3:30 p.m. (Audit Committee)

Event Planner

**Attorney General Mike DeWine news conference on school safety**, 30 East Broad Street, 17th Floor, Columbus, 10 a.m.

**Sen. Scott Oelslager (R-Canton) fundraiser**, Brookside Country Club, 1800 Canton Avenue NW, Canton, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000 | Host: \$500 | Sponsor: \$250 to Oelslager for Ohio Committee)

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